

## BUTTER MAXIMUM PRICE PROTESTED

### Police Investigation Not Necessary, Is Council's Decision

LETTER FROM CHIEF TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS ORIGIN

#### "IS NOT REQUIRED" CANCEL PROBE

There will not be an investigation into Newmarket police activities.

The following resolution, moved by Deputy-Reeve Joseph Vale and seconded by Councillor Frank Bowser, was passed by the town council at a special meeting on Thursday evening.

"Whereas it appears that the attorney-general has appointed a commissioner to investigate the administration of the police force and the police needs of the town of Newmarket, and whereas the council has not requested any such investigation and is of the opinion that the same is not required,

"Be it therefore moved that this council requests the attorney-general to cancel the appointment of the said commissioner on the ground that such investigation is unnecessary."

The discussion was based on the following correspondence:

Letter dated Dec. 23 from Attorney-General G. D. Conant to the mayor and council:

"Enclosed herewith please find copy of letter from Chief Constable Sloss, copy of my reply thereto, and of the appointment of Inspector Loughheed. As stated in my letter to Chief Constable Sloss, I understand that the request in his letter to me has your approval. If, however, such is not the case, I would thank you to advise me at once so that the matter may be reconsidered if that is necessary."

Appointment of Inspector Loughheed: "Pursuant to the provisions of the Constables' Act, Section 13A, as enacted by 3 Geo. VI (1939) Chapter 8, Section 3, I hereby require William H. (Page 3, Col. 3)

### Christmas Stocking Fund Goes Over \$600 Objective

#### LIONS PRESIDENT EXPRESSES THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

With the Lions club Christmas work completed, James S. Law, president of the club, today expressed his thanks to the people of Newmarket for the contributions which made possible this worthy work.

"The work could not have been carried on without the co-operation of the factories and the people of Newmarket," he stated. "We have had many new contributors and we wish to thank all."

Receipts are \$614, and expenditures approximately \$600. H. E. Lambert stated on behalf of the committee.

Sixty-six families were taken care of with a total of 179 children. The cost of each parcel per child was \$3.50.

Each child got a sweater, toque, pair of mitts or gloves, with children one and two years old getting a coat set and underwear.

Each girl got either a doll, a pantry set or a book.

Each boy got a toy, or a game. In addition, there was a pound of nuts for each child, a pound of candy, six oranges, with a maximum of two dozen per family, a pound of cocoa per family, a 5-lb. tin of corn syrup and a jar of peanut butter.

The amount donated to the Lions Club Christmas fund by E. F. Streeter should have been \$5 instead of \$2 as stated in last week's list of donations.

Previously acknowledged \$575.00

Students and staff...	10.00
N. L. Matthews	5.00
R. E. Lyons	5.00
Mrs. Chandler	2.00
Laurel Cane	2.00
Mrs. Markham	1.00
Rec'd by mail, no name	3.00
March Knitting Co., Dunnville	5.00
W.O.N.	4.00
Comal and Mrs. Roadhouse	2.00
Total to date	\$614.00

NO CRIME INCREASE, NO EMERGENCY, COUNCILORS STATE

#### SELFISHNESS MAN'S TROUBLE, SAY TRAINEES

Newspaper reports that the attorney-general's department would conduct an investigation into Newmarket police activities, and a communication received by Mayor Dr. S. J. Boyd from Attorney-General G. D. Conant were under discussion at a special town council meeting on Thursday evening.

Mayor Dr. S. J. Boyd asked Clerk N. L. Mathews, K.C., to read the letter from Mr. Conant, together with copies enclosed of correspondence between Chief Constable James Sloss and the attorney-general. This correspondence is printed in another column.

"An answer to the attorney-general's letter is imperative," said Mayor Boyd. "As the letter is addressed to the mayor and council, it was necessary to have council meet to answer it."

"As far as I am concerned, I never heard anything about it until I received a letter in the mail on Christmas morning. This morning I read an item in the Toronto paper. Then in an hour the mayor of Aurora phoned and asked what it was all about. I said that I didn't know."

"I want to call your attention in the correspondence to the telephone conversation between Chief Inspector Stringer and Mr. Sloss. The impression was conveyed that the council was in accord."

"One sentence in Mr. Sloss's letter calls for attention, where he says that the population is 6,000, and that the highest efficiency cannot be obtained with but two constables."

"The letter says, 'upon the approval of the police committee.' (Page 3, Col. 4)



#### TRANSFERRED

Popular Bell Telephone mechanical superintendent for northern York county, with office at Newmarket, C. W. Holmes is being transferred to larger responsibilities at Stratford. Mr. Holmes has been a great friend of the youth of the town, and has tirelessly promoted sport activities the year round. His place in the sporting life of the town will be hard to fill.

Mr. Holmes leaves for his new duties as supervisor of construction and maintenance for the Stratford district on Tuesday, Jan. 7. His place here will be taken by Albert Revill, now wire chief at Brantford.

Mr. Holmes has lived in Newmarket for ten years and has been president of both hockey and softball clubs for the last four years.

Mr. Revill will occupy Mr. Holmes' house on Arden Ave.

**P. W. PEARSON TAKEN ILL AT PRESTON HOME**

P. W. Pearson, former Newmarket citizen, was reported seriously ill, last week at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gerald Sturdy, Preston. Mr. Pearson has served as mayor of Newmarket, as warden of the county and as a member of the legislature for North York.

#### SALARY AMOUNTS GIVEN INCORRECTLY

The salaries paid to North Gwillimbury township officials, reported in last week's Era, should have been: Reeve J. E. Hopkins, \$135; Deputy-Reeve Harold Glover, \$125; Councillors John Smith, James Nelson, Harry T. Babb, \$125; Treasurer W. Erwin Winch, balance of salary, \$185; Clerk Fred Peel, balance of salary, \$250; collector, W. Erwin Winch, \$175.

#### IMPROVING MEN IS BETTER THAN NAZI SOLUTION, SAYS NEWSPAPER

The following editorial appeared in the last issue of "The Colours," Newmarket training centre newspaper.

"And so we came to Newmarket, nearly 1,000 of us—the great unwashed and the polished socialite, the intellectual and the laborer, the rich and the poor. From all ranks of society and from every field of endeavor we came to eat, sleep, march, laugh, and grumble side by side. We are more than a group of recruits. We are a cross-section of Canada's youth and a prophecy of Canada's future."

"Youth must have its fling, and this generation is no exception. Misunderstanding age, with its proverbial sagacity, disclaims us as callow and unthinking. Despite this, beneath a veneer of levity, our generation, with its advantages in education and freedom of thought, knows better where it stands than possibly any previous generation of youth. At this time of crisis the moment has come for our more serious potentialities to be brought to the fore."

"The ominous ogre of Nazism, that threatens to engulf the whole world with its stunted philosophy of life, looms over us. Our democracy is self-confessedly far from perfect. Social and economic maladjustments are evident on all sides. Man, throughout the world, is searching for a solution to the same eternal problems."

"The root of the difficulties lies in the inherent selfishness of the individual. Nazism (Page 3, Col. 1)

**MRS. C. RHINEHART DIES IN 77TH YEAR**

One of Newmarket's most loved persons, Mrs. Charles Rhinehart died on Thursday night. Mrs. Rhinehart had been ill for several years, but had been able to get around until about five weeks ago, when she was moved to York county hospital.

Born in Newmarket on May 6, 1864, on Queen St., she was the daughter of Annie Douglas and James Murray, and lived there until two and a half years old, when Mrs. Murray died, and she went to Beeton, where she lived until she was 16 years old, when she returned to Newmarket, where she has resided ever since. In October, 1884, Catherine Emma Murray married Charles Rhinehart of Newmarket.

Always keenly interested in her home, Mrs. Rhinehart was widely known and respected in Newmarket by both young and old. She was a member of the Friends church, but of later years had been attending the Christian church. Many beautiful floral tributes attested to the esteem in which she was held.

Rev. Arthur Greer conducted the service which was held from the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Sunday afternoon. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

Three children survive, two sons, Roy and Harold of Newmarket, and one daughter, Mrs. E. H. Adams of Newmarket. Five other children predeceased her.

The pallbearers were W. J. Hopkinson, W. J. Patterson, Sgt. W. E. Andrews, P. S. Smith, T. F. Doyle and Theodore Bolton.

**COBALT TRAIN WILL STOP AT NEWMARKET**

The Cobalt train, No. 47, leaving Toronto on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, will stop at Newmarket on flag, starting Jan. 17. The train arrives here at 12:22 midnight, standard time.

#### "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

How difficult it has been this Christmas time to word our greetings! How we have hesitated about using those time-honored greetings, "A Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year," and then we decided to use them after all, for they had acquired a place of their own which could not be taken by any other words.

No, few this year have had a "merry" Christmas. We have used the word on our Christmas cards in a "Pickwickian" sense, to mean just what we choose it to mean.

There are less difficulties about wishes for the future than about the immediate present. Although the occasional person has cleverly chosen to say "A Happier New Year," the conventional "Happy New Year" greeting, we think, still conveys a worth-while thought, and that is our wish for all our readers for 1941.

### Main St. Merchant Falls Dead On Christmas Eve

#### PUBLIC-SPIRITED NEWMARKET CITIZEN LOST BY COMMUNITY

Born in Washago on July 25, 1880, Harry Boyle Marshall died suddenly of heart failure last Tuesday night while at his grocery store on Main St.

He married Margaret McAuley on April 17, 1907. Mr. Marshall was an elder of Trinity United church and was actively interested in the church. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, and for the past 25 years had been a member of the Newmarket bowling club. He was president of the club in 1919 and 1920. Mr. Marshall was keenly interested in municipal affairs and spent two years on the town council.

Surviving besides his widow are two sons, Aubrey L. of Newmarket and Douglas C. of Perron, Que., three brothers, George C. of Bracebridge, Nelsie and Jack, of Washago, and one sister, Tina, of Washago, and one other relative, Mrs. McLean, of Wallaceburg.

The funeral service was held at Trinity United church on Friday. Rev. Dr. A. E. Runnells conducted the service. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

The pallbearers were Wesley Brooks, H. Whyte, T. F. Doyle, S. R. James, F. Chantler and C. F. Willis.

A tribute well-earned by a lifetime of honorable and kindly living was paid to the late H. B. Marshall at a largely attended service in Trinity United church on Friday afternoon.

"If I were preaching a sermon I would choose the text, 'A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesses,' but we are here to pay a tribute to one whose rare and resolute manhood made his presence a delight to all who knew him," said Rev. Dr. A. E. Runnells.

"In 60 years he had made a worthy contribution to the three greatest institutions of any time—the church, the home, and his country."

"We thank God for the fine loyal friendship he gave. A competitor of his, in the same line of business, said to me today: 'Harry Marshall was 100 per cent a man. He was the first to come to me when I came into this town, and offered me his friendship, and welcomed me into his home.'"

"He was pre-eminently a just man. He was the first man of this community that I met. He was disqualified by his fine character from doing anything that was mean, low or unworthy."

"We are proud of his proportion—for that is how I look on it. We are going to miss him in this church. We are going to miss that fine upstanding man at the door of the church welcoming friends and strangers, and then sitting down quietly to worship God."

**FORMER NEWMARKET LADY DIES IN PRESTON**

The death occurred in Preston on Saturday, Dec. 21, of Aurilla Leppard, wife of Arthur J. Cook, in her 75th year. The late Mrs. Cook was a former resident of Newmarket.

The funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 23. Interment was made in Preston cemetery.

#### MARKETS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAYS

The farmers' market will take place on Friday afternoons at 2 p.m. until further notice.

The purpose of the Friday market is the convenience of the farmer, who in winter-time can get into town more easily in the afternoon than in the morning.

#### RURAL PEOPLE CALLED UPON TO SAVE DAY

COMMISSION SECRETARY THINKS PLAN WOULD HELP ONTARIO

#### ASKS FOR SUPPORT

A bold attempt to deal with future depressions is the Rowell-Sirois report. There are those who are trying to kill the proposed plan of "re-configuration" with cries that the plan is at the expense of Ontario or Nova Scotia or British Columbia or some other province.

R. M. Fowler, Toronto lawyer, who was legal secretary to the commission and helped in the preparation of the report, contends that what is good for Canada is good for Ontario, whose industrial prosperity is based on trade with the rest of the dominion.

The Canadian Statesman, Bowmanville, says: "To oppose or shelve this report is to invite ultimate national disunity and we believe all those who are about to sit down and debate the matter can see that clearly. If opposed, it is equally clear that it can only be upon the grounds of political expediency."

The Statesman challenges rural people to study the report and in their good judgment to give it the weight of their support, and The Era accepts the Statesman's invitation to the rural press to reprint from its columns an address given by Mr. Fowler to a rural audience at Blackstock, as a small contribution to the ultimate solution of Canada's ills.

The dominion-provincial conference meets at Ottawa on Jan. 14 to study the report.

Importance of Report "This report is, in my opinion, the most important document affecting Canadian development (Page 7, Col. 5)

#### FORMER NEWMARKET LADY DIES IN PENETANG

The death occurred of Miss Libbie Huston at Penetang on Saturday, Dec. 21, after an illness of 15 years.

Born in Newmarket 68 years ago, the daughter of Margaret Madill and Wm. Huston, Miss Huston lived in Newmarket until she was 15 years old. She was always ready to lend a helping hand and was interested in every worthy cause. She was a member of the Presbyterian church. Miss Huston was a nurse.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Joseph Augers of Montreal, and one brother, Mr. Norman Huston of Newmarket.

Rev. Arthur Greer conducted the service, which was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose.

Interment was in Newmarket cemetery.

#### CACTUS BLOOMS ON, OWNER GONE 30 YEARS

Editor, The Era: I do not know what the average age of a Christmas cactus might be, but my grandmother, Mrs. Isaac Scott, and her daughter, Victoria, who used to live on Sigley St., Newmarket, had a Christmas cactus.

I don't know how old it was when Grandmother died but she said it was 30 years old next month. I was surprised on Christmas to find a cactus in my house, the same cactus all in bud ready for Christmas.

Mrs. David Love, Maplehill.

#### Coming Events

(Coming Events notices cost little, a cent a word per week, minimum charge 25 cents a week.)

Tuesday, Jan. 7—Thora Rebeckah lodge will hold a cactus in the R.S.A. bugle band hall. Each starts at 8.15. Admission 25c. etw15

Friday, Jan. 17—The Red Cross is again sponsoring a dance in the high school auditorium. Art West's orchestra. Be sure and reserve the date.

### Farmers Indignant As Ottawa Cuts Down Butter Price



W. M. COCKBURN

A vigorous protest against the pegged maximum price for butter, a few cents below the prevailing price, was made by W. M. Cockburn, York county agricultural representative, in conversation with The Era today.

"It doesn't look fair if there is no minimum price," Mr. Cockburn said.

"We must remember that the price on wheat is a minimum price, not a maximum price," he said.

"There is a very strong suspicion that the figures on butter storage, indicating surpluses and shortages have been manipulated frequently in the past."

"If the pegging of prices is going to stop the profiteering by speculators, it might be justified, but by the same token there should be a minimum price to prevent the hammering down of prices for further manipulation of the market by brokers."

"There is always a surplus of butter reported by the trade in the spring just when the farmers have some cream to ship. Why should that be?"

"If the farmer were sure that the price would stay at its present figure during the summer he wouldn't kick, but what he is afraid of is that it will go back to 20 or 21 cents."

"Few, if any, consumers consider that the farmer was making an exorbitant profit at the pre-peg price. It just looks as though the farmer has lost his profit, considering the commodity price index."

"The thing that burns the farmer up is that there is no more patriotic group of people than the farmers. The jam they make, the socks they knit, the sewing they do, for war purposes is amazing."

"While the incomes of other groups move upward, there is a holler to peg farm prices because the farmer produces food commodities. The farmers are not sufficiently organized to present their side of the question effectively. Something like this may arouse the farmer and force him into the organization."

"The farmer has gone through the lean years, and farmers should get the same consideration as a manufacturer who has operated at a loss."

"While the farmer's price for butter is pegged at what seems to be a below-cost price, he must pay his share of industrial cost-plus war contracts."

"We would be remiss if we did not lodge a protest."

"This is a purely domestic matter and has no parallel with the bacon situation. The farmer is taking the loss to help Britain, in the absence of a Canadian government subsidy on bacon, but on butter he is not asking anything except the market price, or a price that is pegged both as to maximum and minimum."

#### NEWMARKET BOY WAS THRU MANSION HOUSE

When Mrs. A. D. Evans heard radio reports this morning that London had experienced last night the worst fires in 300 years, and that the Guildhall and St. Paul's cathedral were endangered, and that possibly the Mansion House, the lord mayor's residence, had been destroyed, she phoned The Era to relate that her son, Pte. Fred Evans, was recently taken through the Mansion House.

In a letter arriving Saturday morning, Pte. Evans said that through a letter of introduction from C. F. Willis, Newmarket tailor, Robert Willis, London, a cousin of C. F. Willis, had taken him through the Mansion House while on his disembarkation leave and that he had seen "wonderful things."

The seven-year reign of Dr. S. J. Boyd as mayor of Newmarket comes to an end tomorrow. It is generally hoped that the new town council will not allow him to go into retirement without some little mark of appreciation for a job well done. Dr. Boyd has served with no remuneration other than the satisfaction of service to his townsmen. Dr. Boyd's successor is Dr. L. W. Dales, who has served, intermittently, seven years as reeve.

with one catch.

The Campbellford scorers were Robertson, Welks and McElraith.



RETIRE AS MAYOR



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### "GOD KNOWS"

It was interesting to us to see so many Christmas cards this year bearing the poem quoted by King George in his Christmas message a year ago. Of seven or eight cards which we saw bearing this message two originated in the United States and probably indicate the strong sympathy with Britain existing in that country. We were interested to note that hardly two cards read exactly alike, and this we attributed to the fact that the king broadcast his message not in print but orally. Some cards said "a man" and some "the man," some "better than a light" and some "better than light," and so on. One card gave not only the verse quoted by the king but also two more verses which we had not heard before, and, guessing that this version is probably correct, we reprint it herewith:

The card explains: The complete poem containing the quotation which the king used to close his Christmas broadcast is herewith reproduced. The writer of the lines, Miss M. L. Haskins, told of writing them while on a visit to the west of England shortly before 1914. She said her recollection of the circumstances in which the lines, entitled "God Knows," were written was "vague."

The poem reads:

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year,  
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,'  
and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.'"

"So I went forth and finding the hand of God  
trod gladly into the night. And He led me toward  
the hills and the breaking of the day in the lone East.

"So heart be still.  
What need our little life,  
Our human life to know,  
If God hath comprehensions?"

### EVERY GOVERNMENT NEEDS CRITICISM

The attitude is widespread in Canada that the British government is above criticism, that citizens of the United Kingdom may criticize the British government but that Canadians should not. This, we think, is a wrong and even a dangerous attitude. In peace-time it did not contribute to avoiding war, and now in war-time it does not contribute toward victory.

Some weeks ago the Toronto Telegram made the statement that if the British government took certain action or did not take it, Canadians might be sure that the British government had sound reasons for the course it pursued and they should not presume to criticize, yet the same editorial page carried strong criticism of the Canadian government. We thought the same reasoning, if sound, should apply to criticism of both governments.

The Toronto Star is more consistent in that it criticizes the Canadian government very little. The Star, however, seems to take the attitude that what the British government does is almost above criticism, and we suppose it is an attitude dictated by Toronto public opinion. One of the most worth-while parts of the Star just now is W. R. Plewman's "The War Reviewed" column, an excellent piece of journalism, but even Mr. Plewman does not criticize what the British government does as fully as his own knowledge would seem to warrant.

On Friday, Dec. 20, Mr. Plewman wrote: "London reports that Halifax is likely to be the next ambassador to Washington. That would be a questionable appointment because of the lack of energy and initiative shown by Halifax in other posts; in other respects he is most admirable." On Saturday, Dec. 21, Mr. Plewman wrote: "British newspapers are joining in the criticism of Lord Halifax as a man unsuitable for the Washington post in spite of his exceptionally fine character. Halifax should have been a preacher, but even for that noble calling he lacked energy and initiative. Sir Archibald Sinclair would be a better choice for Washington, although he can ill be spared from the air ministry."

On Monday, Dec. 23, Mr. Plewman did not go back on what he had written but he courteously soft-pedalled his criticism: "Halifax the appeaser goes to Washington, where his integrity will command respect. He has turned against appeasement. . . . Halifax may have someone associated with him who has a more genial nature and greater initiative." The Star's leading editorial in the same issue is a little more critical: "Aristocratic, scholarly, referred to sometimes as 'the most retiring man in politics,' he can hardly be considered the natural choice for an ambassadorship which demands qualities which would have a wider appeal to the American public. It is said that this difficulty will be overcome by the appointment of a British minister at Washington to work in conjunction with the ambassador. Of the high character and ability of Lord Halifax there can be no doubt. . . . He will need, in his new post, all the great gifts with which he has been endowed. It is of supreme importance to Britain that he should appeal, as Lord Lothian did, to the good-will of the great English-speaking nation to whom Britain is sending him."

The Star's remarks were enough to give the Canadian people cause for concern (if it is true that the war cannot be won without American assistance), but not strong enough to influence the British government decision. Our thought is that Canadian newspapers should have joined with United Kingdom newspapers in making an effective protest against such an appointment, if Mr. Plewman and the Star are right in their description of Lord Halifax.

Newspapers take a serious responsibility when they build up false heroes and strong men. Canadian newspapers joined in the chorus of hero-worship for General Gamelin in the years preceding the war. They made a Marshal Foch of him when a little more thorough investigation would have revealed that he was really not equal to his great duties. A better journalistic job on the part of British and Canadian newspapers might have brought General Charles de Gaulle to the fore and modernized the French and British armies.

The lives of Canadians are in the hands of the British government and in our opinion not only should Canadian newspapers watch the British government more critically, but Prime Minister Mackenzie King should seek, as Sir Robert Borden did during the last war, a place in an imperial war cabinet.

### "RIGHT HONORABLE"

A Canadian industrialist, Arthur B. Purvis, has been made a member of the British privy council. Mr. Purvis is director of the British purchasing commission in the United States. Mr. Purvis should now be designated as "Right Honorable Arthur B. Purvis." Sir William Mulock is also a member of the imperial privy council and a "Right Honorable." Half a dozen other Canadians hold the same honor.

The imperial privy council is made up of two committees, the executive committee and the judicial committee. The executive committee is the British government, and the judicial committee is the last court of appeal for British dominions and colonies. In actual fact, almost the same body of men as make up the judicial committee, sitting as the law lords or members of the British house of lords, act as the last court of appeal for the United Kingdom too. Of the Canadian "right honorables" Sir Lyman Duff, Canada's chief justice, is the sole member of the judicial committee of the privy council, but of course he is not a "law lord."

The executive committee, we believe, is made up of just those members of the British government who constitute the cabinet, and not all who belong to that larger body known in Britain as the ministry, that is, the less important ministers and the under-secretaries. The members of former British governments and dominion statesmen who have been so honored also belong to the privy council but whether they are considered members of the executive committee or not we do not know. They certainly could not attend cabinet meetings.

Incidentally, the British government would not name Mr. Purvis a member of the imperial privy council without the approval of the Canadian government, but we would not say that Ottawa has put its approval on the granting of "titles" to Canadians. Mr. King could hardly disapprove of the bestowal of an honor which he himself holds, and which other Canadian prime ministers will probably receive in the future, although he might have taken the position that such an honor should only be given to members of the Canadian government.

### HEALTH AND DEFENCE SHOULD GO HAND IN HAND

Compulsory military training is doing one fine service at least for the young men called up. It is giving them a free medical examination, no two examinations, one by the young man's own physician before he goes to camp and another by a physician at the camp. Many young men are learning facts about their health which should prove useful to them. It is our idea that the government should go farther and seek to build up the health of the boys examined. For instance, we understand that the boys receive only emergency dental treatment. If they have an actual tooth-ache they receive treatment, but that is all. It seems to us that the government could go further, even in the name of defence.

Another point is that the examining physicians are rejecting hundreds of young men because of hernias. We understand that in the case of a simple hernia an operation would readily remedy this trouble. Such an operation would cost the young man probably \$150, in addition to three or four weeks loss of wages, and not many (if any) of those who have learned that they are suffering from a hernia are doing anything about it. If the young man does go to this expense, however, he will then become liable for defence training. If he doesn't do anything about his condition, he won't have to undergo training. The dice are loaded in favor of the young man doing nothing about his condition, and perhaps letting it become worse.

On the other hand, the country could show its interest in the young man and his potentialities as a citizen or defender by assuming the cost of the operation. As the government is already employing surgeons, it could probably limit the expense to about \$50 for hospitalization. If the country would do this for the young man, he would probably feel keener about doing something in return for his country.

### NEWMARKET'S GREAT LOSS

Newmarket will miss Harry Marshall, who died on Christmas eve. He was a fine, friendly, kindly gentleman.

### WHAT OTHERS THINK

#### START AT THE BOTTOM

(Smith Falls Record-News)

The decision by the department of national defence, making it compulsory for all officers in the Canadian army to serve in the ranks before being commissioned, is a wise one. There is no doubt that with this system of qualification better and more efficient officers will be the result.

## The Common Round

BACKWARD AND FORWARD

By Isabel Inglis Colville

I am writing this the day after Christmas when it's natural to look backward, and it will be published just before New Year's when it is even more natural to look forward.

To most of us, the backward look, taking in the lovely Christmas eve and day, is one of pure joy and gratitude.

They were days of preparation and fulfillment when the very spirit of Christmas seemed to enter our homes, so gaily decked to receive him; when one felt a great surge of peace and goodwill toward everybody and an intense longing that such a spirit could win its way into the hearts of the men from whom all love of humanity seems to have fled.

Our trees still guard the living-room, and at every opportunity some sly puss steals in and abstracts some treasure.

We saw Lugs perambulating through the house the other day, roaring in a muffled sort of way; from each side of her mouth protruded a section of a metal icicle, and her pride in it was so great that no one had the heart to rob her of it. All about the house lie gifts and cards—mute evidences of the fact that at Christmas time friendships seem to deepen and take on new meaning and everything we have—our liberties, our homes, our citizenship in a free country—gains fresh lustre in the light of the Christmas star.

And then we come to New Year's eve and New Year's day—when we do our annual book-keeping and stock-taking—mentally. I suppose that this year, more than any year since those of the Great War, we look forward with a certain amount of dread and apprehension mixed

with the curiosity about the future with which we always face the rising of the curtain on a new year.

We take stock of our resources with which we must face the unknown.

Our courage—just how high is it, and can it stand shocks and reverses?

Our hopefulness—can it see with the eyes of faith through the gloom to the brighter days which must come?

Our hearts—can they be strong to do the little things—face the common round day by day and not descend to gloom and fretfulness when dark tidings come and each small household mishap seems a source of irritation?

A steady head and clear eyes—to see that the Star of Bethlehem still shines and will, as it always has in the past, overcome the darkness and shine forth with a new and greater radiance.

Our books of 1940 may close with a sad deficit on the side of the qualities we most admire, but there is 1941 ahead—clean pages, unblotted by a single mistake. Too soon there will be blots enough, for we don't correct all mistakes in a day, but the very fact that we have new pages is an incentive to keep them free, if possible, from much that made our mental books look as if we needed a course in that kind of bookkeeping.

So I propose a toast to the readers of this column, "Here's to books free from the blots of thoughtlessness, unkindness, crossness and fear," and with a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all, I'll lay down my pen for 1940.

### A PRE-CHRISTMAS ARTICLE

When among our friends there is a birthday celebration, everything is for the one who, that day, sets up a new milestone on life's pathway.

The gifts, the cake, the candles are all for one person, and when the day is over, no one but the celebrant remembers much about it, and he or she, only with a passing sigh for the quick-moving years, in which so few of the dreams of youth have been realized.

Christmas, too, is a birthday. People sometimes live to celebrate their 100th birthday; and we think that is wonderful, but when we consider that for nearly 2,000 years, we have celebrated the birthday of a Babe born in a stable, in a little town, in a little country, how even 100 years sink into insignificance. The Babe's birthday was celebrated as was never that of prophet, priest or king.

Angels, glorious as no vision of man can realize, hymned his praise, in golden chorus; shepherds, the humblest of the humble, found their way to his lowly bed, there to adore and wonder that a vision of the God child had been vouchsafed them; and from far distant lands, men versed in the wisdom of the sages, and students of the stars, followed a great new star to Bethlehem, there to worship the Babe and leave gifts, such as were a monarch's due, at the feet of Mary as she watched over her God-given charge.

There is a beauty in Christmas that reaches back through the ages and gains in luminance and radiance as it travels down the centuries.

And so, even in the midst of wars and rumors of war, and sorrow and suffering, we make

ready to celebrate the birthday of the Christ Child.

We decorate our homes till they glow with beauty, for we think of the glory of the night on which the great Gift of Gifts was given to a world as storm-tossed and tyranny-ridden as the one we now live in. We set up our trees and top them with a glistening star, in memory of the star that led the magi to the feet of the Babe.

Christ said, "Inasmuch as ye do it to the least of these, ye do it to me," and surely our gifts given in love and gratitude that there is a Christmas, are given to HIM as truly as if we had lived in Bethlehem and had brought them to Him there.

It seems to me that Christmas is a time for remembering; we take down our memory book from where it may have been gathering the dust of years, and we turn the pages and find the names of those we once held very dear, but whom we have let the years blot from our memory.

What a joy to take up old friendships; and to find to new friends into which love can find a way to enter and brighten a day that may be too filled with only memories to be otherwise than sad. There is something about Christmas that goes away down deep into our hearts and brings up the best in them.

The spirit of Christmas hovers round each home, and enters in—if we let it. This year, as never before, we need to catch the spirit of love, of courage, of hope and faith, which was born on the first Christmas Day, and which can be born again, in each one of us this Christmas, if we make ready for it.

Merry Christmas!

### 50 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 26, 1890

Miss Bushby spent Sunday with Miss Tillie Hughes.

Mr. Samuel Bridgland is spending the holidays in Toronto.

Miss Howie of Gravenhurst spent Sunday with Miss McGee.

Miss Florence Clabine of Thornhill is spending Christmas with friends in town.

Miss Annie Robinson of Stayner is spending the holidays with Miss Pretty.

Mr. Geo. Montgomery of North Bay spent Christmas at his home here.

Miss Mabel Pegg of Toronto is spending the Christmas holidays with Miss McLaughlin.

Mrs. R. H. Smith and daughter left for Petrolia on Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mrs. Denham.

Mr. Geo. Bennett and family, Mrs. Fisher, and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bogart are in the city spending Christmas with Mr. Fred Bogart.

Nomination for members of the Newmarket council and public school board takes place in the town hall on Monday evening at 7.30.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Mr. McKay, on Dec. 24, Mr. Wm. John Wright to Miss Jane Stephenson, all of North Gwillimbury.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's father on Dec. 24, by Elder Chidley, Mr. Robt.

### 25 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 31, 1915

Miss Lelia Belfry is spending the holidays at Queensville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rosamond spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. Carl B. Prosser of Toronto was home for Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson spent the Christmas holidays at Cookstown.

Alderman G. A. Binns had a family gathering on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Willis spent Christmas with Mrs. Willis' parents in Aurora.

Mrs. Howard Cane spent Christmas with her parents at Gravenhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Cornell and Mrs. Cornell's mother spent the Christmas holidays in Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lundy had a family gathering at their home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and children spent the Christmas holidays at Oakville and Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Jackson attended a family gathering on Christmas Day at Mr. Jas. Brothers', Aurora.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie Cane and son will spend the New Year holidays in Brampton with Mrs. Cane's parents.

MARRIED—In Newmarket, on Dec. 29, by Elder D. Prosser, at his residence, Prospect Ave.,

Cockerill to Miss Alice Travis, both of East Gwillimbury.

### LETTERS TO NEWMARKET VETERANS

England, Dec. 12, 1940

Newmarket Veterans Association,  
Dear Sirs:

I just received your fine box of good things to eat. Thanks so much. Our mail was held up for some time when we were expecting to leave here for England, and through some mistake it was sent here, however better late than never.

We arrived here on Dec. 1, but so far we have only received part of our mail. My brother is home on furlough now, and Earl Cole is going in a day or so.

Thanks again for remembering us so kindly even though we are many miles away. Thanks, the box was really wonderful.

Sincerely yours,

G. T. Blencowe.

C.A.S.F., England,

Newmarket Veterans Association,  
Newmarket,  
Dear Sirs:

Just a few lines to thank you for the (300) cigarettes received today.

They arrived while I was doing 24-hour guard and when you receive anything from home it seems to make the time pass better. We have been having heavy air-raids and it takes a lot of watching. Any of the boys who were over here in the last war will know what it means—just a steady watch. I can say with all the bombs that are dropped a very small percentage make their mark. Let's hope it keeps that way.

I heard the opening hockey game between Toronto and Rangers, and it just sounded like old times. Of course, it was reproduced but sounded great just the same. Hope we can hear more of the games, to really see them would be better still.

There isn't much I can write about just now, only to thank your association again for the cigarettes.

Sincerely yours,

Cpl. Ted Robinson.

England, Nov. 4, 1940.

Newmarket Veterans Association,  
Dear Sirs:

Received your ever welcome gift of cigarettes. Thanks a million. As usual they came at the right time as my supply was exhausted. Needless to say, we all like to get smokes from home, somehow they taste better.

Please give my kindest regards to those who are so generous with the boys over here. I know that along with the rest of the boys I will always remember your kindness.

We are stationed pretty close to London just now, and believe me, it is no bed of roses, although last night was free from any air-raids, but have had plenty for the past few weeks.

At present our road that leads to a small town is barred to traffic, as a large bomb is still waiting to go off.

I will close now thanking you again for your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

Lance-Cpl. Smith.

The following acknowledged cigarettes from the Veterans Association of Newmarket: Cpl. Plencowe, England; Pte. J. F. Plencowe, England; Pte. J. R. Plencowe, England; Pte. James White, England.

Christmas greetings were received from Pte. Gordon Rowland.

Pte. Gordon Thompson also thanks the Veterans for their gifts of cigarettes and sends Christmas greetings.



On Sunday evening President Roosevelt told U. S. citizens that they could best keep out of the war by giving all possible aid to Britain. The fight of the British empire would go down in history as one of the greatest in the history of civilization. The United States, he said, must be the arsenal of democracy. He called upon United States employers and workers to lend every energy in the armament effort. Britain would win the war, said the president, declaring that he based his opinion on the latest and reliable information, and that there was no cause for pessimism in the United States.

The Petain government is reported to be stiffening its back against German demands or prospective demands. Marshal Petain's cards are the remnants of the French fleet and the parts of French Africa not taken by General Charles de Gaulle.

The Germans have found night raids most effective in bombing Britain, and British scientists are reported working on instruments to detect and destroy the bombers more easily at night.

Bulgaria's parliamentary foreign affairs committee has turned down a proposal from one of its members that Bulgaria join the Axis. Some time ago King Boris visited Berlin and is reported to have informed Hitler that he would abdicate before he would

Mr. Ross McGenery of Queensville to Miss Rubena Munroe of Holland Landing.

### TREES OF THE BIBLE

By GOLDEN GLOW

From the earliest record of our human race trees have formed an important part of our history. We are all so familiar with the story of our origin in the Garden of Eden that nobody expects another not to fully understand when it is mentioned, and that it was a garden of beautiful trees especially, the most wonderful and delightful garden the mind can conceive! It is described in the second chapter of Genesis, and it says "Every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food," and further along, "and a river went out of Eden to water the garden."

Then as we think of events that happened later we read about the "apple tree"—but so far as I know, can find out, they had no apple trees in Palestine such as we have here in Ontario—it was more like an apricot or peach. Then they had the fig tree, and the date palm, both supplying an article of food extensively used in the Holy Land even to this day. The "golden apple" of mythical fame was supposed to be an orange!

As we read the Psalms we find different trees mentioned. "The cedars of Libanus which he hath planted." "The fir tree which is a habitation for the stork." "By the waters of Babylon . . . and as for our harps we hanged them up on the trees that are therein." That surely refers to the willow trees that grew so plentifully round the many streams and rivers of Palestine, making a lovely country lovelier.

But I should not have jumped from Genesis to the Psalms and left out the building of Noah's Ark. I'm afraid a great many trees must have been sacrificed for that great ship, for it was three stories high, and besides all the animals, there must have been space for food for both Noah and his family, besides for all the animals with them in the Ark. It was gopher wood, according to Genesis 6:14, gopher

permit German troops to pass through Bulgaria.

Germany has been moving great numbers of troops into Rumania through Hungary. One explanation was that Germany was preparing for possible arguments with Russia, which has announced an intention of occupying additional Rumanian territory.

Japan is reported to be fitting out and re-fuelling German raiders in the Pacific and Australasian waters.

The fight continued to go against the Italians both in Albania, where the Greeks continued on the offensive, and in Libya, where the British kept pounding at Bardia.

Two officers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Niagara Falls held a contest to see who was quickest on the draw with their revolvers. They aimed at each other and fired. One of the revolvers was loaded and one of the two officers was killed.

P. G. Wodehouse, the English writer, is a prisoner in a German internment camp.

Another contingent of Canadian airmen have arrived safely in England. Ontario boys were among them.

Contributions to the Lord Mayor of London's relief fund, made through the Toronto Telegram, have reached \$165,000.

The wartime prices and trade board at Ottawa has fixed the maximum wholesale price of butter in any place in Canada at the price in that locality on Dec. 12. That was 34½ cents in Toronto.

The two Canadian divisions in England have been formed into a corps under the command of Lieut.-General A. G. L. McNaughton.

### A Thought for 1941 - -

Do you think your local newspaper is trying to do a good job for the community? Promoting worthwhile ideas, helping community leaders in their work, fostering an intelligent interest in public affairs?

Do you think that your local newspaper is interesting? Flowing over with news of our own northern York county people? Do you think it is attractively set up and printed?

Does it appear to you as though hard work goes into the production of it?

Is it the sort of a newspaper which you would like to see grow and prosper, so that it might expand its work and usefulness?

Would you like to have a bigger share in the work which is being done through the columns of The Era?

We know that you are now a booster for The Era. You can do even more by helping to expand the circulation-list by asking your friends to subscribe and perhaps by giving a gift subscription or two to relatives or friends who would also appreciate The Era.

Will you work with us in this way?

### The Newmarket Era

FOUNDED IN 1852 AND STILL YOUNG



# SELFISHNESS MAN'S TROUBLE, SAY TRAINEES

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recognizes this and endeavors to correct it by the destruction of human personality. Disintegration of the soul and the curtailment of the free thought and speech that has produced the cultural developments of the past is too great a price to pay for the betterment of man's physical conditions.

"Our way is a better way. A lasting solution to our problems can only be obtained by the uplifting of personality to a high plane. As men themselves improve, so social and economic conditions will improve and the arts and culture will keep pace. Nazism must be shattered. 'Carthago delenda est'—a new Carthage must be destroyed.

"We are training for home defence. If the shores of Canada are ever attacked we will be proud to defend our homes against the Nazi philosophy which we hate. But there is something more than that. It is not enough for us to say that we will defend our own backyard if we have to. The task of defence is a thing of the present—not of the future. The front lines of our defence are not our coastal boundaries tomorrow, but are in Europe today. Canada is an integral part of the British empire.

"The average Canadian has only begun to realize the seriousness of the menace to the heart of our empire. We have been too confident. We have smugly declared that there will always be an England, and there let it end. We must replace this placid confidence with an air of grim determination. Britain SHALL NOT fall. If Britain succumbs, we, the citizens of Canada, must accept our share of the blame.

"And, if she fell, what would be the result? A Nazi-controlled Europe would seriously impair our position in world affairs and drastically hinder our development. Canada would be bound hand and foot; social, economic, and spiritual progress would halt abruptly. The primary essential of home defence is to be sure that the powers that will attack us are crushed before they can strike.

"As mature citizens of Canada

we must realize this and be prepared to do our part. The fulfilment of our personal ambitions and the future of our country alike depend on the attitude we take to this situation. We, the youth of Canada, must utilize our every talent to prosecute the war to its fullest extent. Our soldiers must have food, clothing, and equipment equal to their task.

"To accomplish this, industry must be maintained at its maximum output. There can be no place for selfishness, undue profit, or slacking connected with wartime production. In whatever field we find ourselves, whether it be in the factory, the office, or on active service, let us resolve to do our level best, and, when the call comes for men to fight, if die we must, die we will, convinced that our cause is just and our purpose right. 'So help us God, we can do no other.'

"As you read this you will be thinking of returning to civilian life after a period of education in modern warfare. We draw attention to one thing we have learned that was not formally included in the syllabus—the spirit of co-operation within the ranks.

"Comradeship and fellowship have been very conspicuous and the willingness to lend a helping hand to a fellow comrade has made our training period more enjoyable. We are sure there will be a great deal of variegated reminiscing long after we have left the training centre, as to the humorous incidents in hut and on parade and in the lecture room, but one of the most outstanding of the memories will be this spirit of co-operation.

"The fact that most of us were complete strangers makes this more striking; not one of us has seen anything like it in civilian life. This same spirit could well be carried back with us, when we leave, to make more fully livable that same civilian life."

## Sharon

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Levi Weddell, on Thursday, Jan. 2, at 2 p.m. Mrs. James Parker is convenor of Canadian industries, and the roll-call will be answered by "Name a Canadian industry." Mrs. J. Kitely will give current events and Mr. Aubrey Davis will give an address on Canadian industries.

The refreshment committee is Mrs. Ethel Evans, Mrs. Wilford Fountain and Mrs. Walter Haines.

# Police Investigation Not Necessary, Is Council's Decision

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Lougheed, inspector of the criminal investigation department, Ontario provincial police, forthwith to investigate, inquire into and report upon the administration of the police force of the town of Newmarket, the system of policing and the police needs of the said town of Newmarket. Dated at Toronto this 23rd day of December, 1940.

Letter dated Dec. 23 from attorney-general to Chief Sloss: "This will acknowledge your letter of the 18th instant in which you request a representative of my department to make a survey of police activities in Newmarket, and to advise on the police requirements of the town."

"On my instructions Commissioner Stringer has discussed the matter with you on the telephone and I understand that the council of the town are in accord with your request and your letter to me generally. On this understanding, therefore, I have today appointed Inspector Lougheed of the criminal investigation branch of the Ontario provincial police to investigate and report upon policing in Newmarket in accordance with copy of the appointment enclosed herewith.

"Inspector Lougheed will undertake the duties that this appointment involves at once, and I hope that you and the other officials of the town will co-operate with and assist him as much as possible."

Letter dated Dec. 18 from Chief Sloss to attorney-general: "Under approval of the police committee of this municipality, I request your consideration in regards to the sending of a representative of your department to make a survey of all police activities here in Newmarket as well as to extend advice on the necessities for police efficiency in a town the size of Newmarket. "Since the establishing of a military training camp here, with the influx of soldiers from outside centres, crime, to a small degree, has been on the increase. Especially noticeable is the opportunities for the bootlegger, but through the willing co-operation of the liquor control board we have been able to keep the situation more or less under control.

"The population, now in Newmarket, is approximately six thousand. Of course that figure includes the military populace and I think you will agree when I say that the highest efficiency cannot be obtained with but two police officers.

"At the present time gambling and lotteries are negligible here in Newmarket, but wish to extend our congratulations to those responsible for the successes obtained from the conducted raid on the Brown Derby. This incident is certainly deserving of recognition and a fine example of the efficiency of the Ontario provincial police.

"Therefore if you should see fit to meet my request, preferably before the New Year, I can assure you of the utmost co-operation from this department, as I feel that through the trying days which we have to face law enforcement should be carried out to the limit."

## Mount Pleasant

Christmas has come and gone for another year and a beautiful day it was, full of sunshine and roads in good condition.

Mr. Douglas Stiles of Toronto is home for the holidays.

Mr. Wm. Moulds has been quite ill with the mumps.

Mrs. Leslie Stephens had the misfortune to get a needle lodged in her hand causing much suffering.

Quite a number from here attended the Santa Claus parade in Sutton last Saturday, which was a great success.

Mrs. Wm. Moulds and Mrs. Jack Bosworth spent Monday afternoon in Newmarket.

Mr. Ralph Davidson of Lindsay joined the family gathering at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Davidson, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mahoney are home from Espanola for the holidays, also Mr. Dan Mahoney from Haliburton.

The Young People's meeting will be held at the home of Rev. Mr. McCullough at Sutton on Jan. 3.

Miss Jean Stephens is home for the holidays.

## CATCHING UP

"Does your watch keep good time?"  
"Does my watch keep good time? Why, you notice the days are getting longer, don't you?"  
"Yes."

"Well, that's just the sun trying to get back to schedule with my watch."

## HER FIRST THOUGHT

The teacher was trying to make Elsie understand subtraction and she said: "You have 10 fingers, now supposing there were three missing what would you have then?"  
"No music lessons," said Elsie promptly.

I am on the police committee, but I never heard about it. I understand Mr. Sloss discussed it with Mr. Dixon.

"Population 6,000." It is less than 4,000 that we have to look after. The militia told us that they would look after policing the soldiers.

"It looks to me as though Mr. Dixon and Mr. Sloss did not include me in their consultations because they knew my stand in the summer was that the town had all the police it could stand."

"How many members are there on the police committee?" asked Councillor Frank Bowser.

"Three, Mr. Mungovan, myself and his worship," said Mr. Dixon. "The reeve advised us when the committee was struck that we were making trouble for ourselves," said Dr. Boyd. "I see now that he was right."

"Was Mr. Mungovan approached?" asked Councillor J. L. Spillette.

"No," said Mr. Mungovan. "I was in favor of more police help, but I was not approached. That answers the mayor's argument as to why he was not approached. It is a good thing to get advice. I wouldn't have advised going to the attorney-general, because apparently you can't get advice from the attorney-general without having it given to the press."

"I would prefer to hear a statement from Mr. Dixon first," said Deputy-Reeve Joseph Vale. "I went into the police station one night and Mr. Sloss showed me a letter which he thought it would be a good thing to send to get some advice," said Mr. Dixon. "I was agreeable. There was no meeting because it is difficult to get a meeting. Mr. Mungovan has come as often as he could, but he has been busy with the militia. Dr. Boyd comes for a few minutes sometimes, and other times he has not been able to come. Recent meetings I haven't called him."

"I approved of Chief Sloss getting advice, because there have been one or two peculiar conditions developed in Newmarket."

"I am very much against the proposed investigation," said Deputy-Reeve Vale. "My first impression, and it is still my impression, is that Chief Sloss felt that this council was not capable of conducting police matters. Another thing is the inconsistency of a police chief asking the attorney-general's department to investigate his own work."

"For one don't like to interfere with committee work. We have confidence in our committee. It has been my experience that the council accepts the reports of committees. I think that Mr. Dixon will agree that it is a major matter of policy and that the council should be consulted. We have published that we are incapable of handling our own police. I got a little hot under the collar."

"No, it doesn't mean that," said Mr. Dixon.

"I think we had a recommendation from the chief constable to this council for an additional man," said Mr. Vale. "I certainly object to the chief constable going over the council's head to force us to hire two or three extra men."

"The attorney-general has no authority over the municipal police, unless he is invited. The Globe and Mail says that the situation is 'unique,' because officials of the town have no lack of confidence in the officers."

"No condition existed here before the camp came, or since, to warrant the belief that we need a probe. I don't know how the camp commandant feels about it, but I don't think he can feel pleased."

"Mr. Sloss says that since the camp came, crime is on the increase. It is unfortunate that we should be branded by the newspapers as incapable of dealing with a situation that has never arisen."

"This is a major matter of policy and we are made a laughing-stock."

"I intend to make a motion that no investigation be made."

"Mr. Vale is making a mountain out of a mole-hill," said Mr. Dixon. "We wanted someone to come up to talk things over. We didn't ask for an investigation. We have nothing to probe."

"I sometimes think that they write those press reports the morning after the night before. I never take much notice of press reports."

"I will take all responsibility as chairman of the committee."

"I am certainly very sorry that this has come up," said Chief Sloss. "In the three and a half years that I have been employed by the town I have never been criticized before by the council. I want to thank the council."

"To date I have taken all my instructions from the police committee. I think that is a matter that should be straightened up. I'd like to know where I'm at."

"I wasn't going over the council's head. I was protecting myself. There is not a bootlegger in town that I can't go into with

a clear conscience. We are going to clear the situation up. "Supposing that an emergency did arise in Newmarket, we all know who would be at fault—the police. There are one or two cases in the province now implicating police officers."

"I think Mr. Dixon said the first he knew about this was when he saw the letter. I think he will remember that I spoke to him a month ago."

"Yes," agreed Mr. Dixon.

"I said the 'approval of the police committee,'" said Chief Sloss. "That is perhaps not true. I have taken my instructions from the chairman."

"So far as we are concerned the trainees and the majority of the rest at the camp have been 100 per cent. We have been called out to several fights, men under the influence of liquor."

"There was one car theft in three years, and now there have been three car thefts in the last month. One case involved a soldier."

"Not from this camp, was he?" asked Mr. Mathews.

"No," said Chief Sloss. "When I wrote this letter I didn't think it would become public property, especially from the attorney-general's department."

"It isn't a question of being over-worked. It is a case of working efficiently. You can't be on the street and in the office, getting complaints and investigating them. I worked 34 hours recently at a stretch with three hours sleep."

"I am sorry," said Chief Sloss. "Because it wasn't my intention to go over the council's head."

"Who was to pay for this investigation?" asked Mr. Vale.

"There was nothing to pay," said Mr. Dixon. "All we wanted was someone to talk things over with Jim."

"Would it have helped to have taken the advice of the solicitor?" asked Councillor Frank Bowser.

"We don't pay him as much as we pay the attorney-general," joked Mr. Mungovan.

"Would this cost us anything?" Mayor Boyd asked Mr. Mathews.

"I can't say," said Mr. Mathews. "The Constables' Act is a new act, and is intended for cases of maladministration. It is a regular law investigation, with witnesses heard."

"What did you want advice on?" asked Mr. Spillette.

"This question of bootlegging principally," said Chief Sloss. "I have had only three and a half years experience as a policeman."

"Why would you want a 'survey'?" asked Mr. Spillette.

"It is unfortunate that he went outside for advice, and, second, that he went to the attorney-general," said Mr. Mungovan. "But you can't criticize a man for being too sincere. We don't want an investigation."

"Isn't it unusual that the attorney-general would take that viewpoint?" asked Chief Sloss.

"That's what you ask for," replied Mr. Mathews. "It is probably not what you intended to ask for."

"I don't want citizens to be critical of Chief Sloss," said Dr. Boyd. "He has been a very efficient officer. I think he has handled the bootlegging situation very well. I know of work that he has done that the rest of you probably don't know about. But he has made an unfortunate move this time. He might have consulted Mr. Mathews."

"In all these matters he should go to council. I sympathize with Mr. Sloss and Mr. Dixon in their sincerity, and in the little mistake they made in not going the right way about it."

"So far as I know the military camp has never contributed to crime in the town," said Reeve Fred A. Lundy. "Commissioner Stringer called me and read part of the letter that gave me the impression that the chief was just asking for advice."

"Commissioner Stringer was under the impression that I was the head of the municipality. I suggested that he get in touch with your worship. He said that he would do nothing until he had."

"It is unfortunate that the letter was addressed to the attorney-general's department. I want to advise Chief Sloss, as I have advised him before, that he should make greater use of the county men. It is their job to go to the help of any municipality that needs it."

"I can't believe that people are any worse than ten years ago," continued Mr. Lundy. "It is a police attitude. They're looking on every man with suspicion. I don't think it should require a standing army of police officers to keep order."

"I think Chief Sloss is entitled to get advice wherever he can. If he had quietly asked the mayor or the committee for three days leave to seek advice, he would have got it. We wouldn't have this unfortunate situation now. I think he should still get that permission."

"It makes an unfortunate situation," said Councillor A. D. Evans. "We will have to learn from experience."

"Chief Sloss could get in touch with the crown attorney here," said Mr. Lundy. "He has the crown attorney and everything else to guide him as to what he should do. Some people have no use for a police committee."

"They have reason," said Mr. Dixon.

"No one is critical of Chief Sloss, except for procedure," said Mr. Spillette. "It is unfortunate to have publicity with regard to the camp and the town. Reeve Lundy says that Mr. Sloss

should be given freedom to get advice where he likes. I think the reeve is taking away with one hand and giving with the other."

"I don't see any more harm in the police committee asking advice of a more experienced man than in the water and light committee asking the advice of an engineer," said Mr. Dixon.

"It is a lot cheaper," said Mr. Mungovan.

"We have to bring it to the council," said Mr. Evans, chairman of the water and light committee.

"You made a slight slip-up, like I did with Widdfield Park," Mr. Bowser told Mr. Dixon. "The local papers got hold of that, but you got dominion-wide publicity."

"Mr. Sloss discusses individual cases with me," said Mr. Mathews. "So do the county police if they want advice. Provincial constables too, if they want advice, come to me. If Mr. Sloss can't get what help he wants from me he can go and talk it over with Commissioner Stringer. If it is a matter of policy, he should go to the council."

A resolution introduced by Mr. Vale, seconded by Mr. Bowser, printed in another column, was passed by the council.

Councillors Wm. Dixon and D. O. Mungovan voted against it. Councillor A. V. Higginson was absent. Mr. Mungovan voted against the resolution because he favored additional police help.

## Glenville

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Black and Laura celebrated with Mr. John Black on his birthday on Dec. 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Curtis and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Boyd and Gwen spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. Bartholomew of Stouffville.

Mr. Chas. Somerville, Russell and Frances, and Mr. Wm. Johnston, Wilbur and Ruth, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James West.

The annual school concert was a great success.

## Holland Landing

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cooper and children of Cooper's Falls, P.E., and Mrs. Archie Reilly and family, Miss Grace Evans of Guelph, and Miss Bessie Evans of Orillia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Evans over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kitching and Grant spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Denne in Queensville.

Miss Connie Cook of Toronto spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. S. Cook, here.

Mrs. Jas. Dutton, Mrs. E. Dutton and Miss Frances Dutton spent Christmas with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Jeffries and daughter, Helene, of Hamilton, and Miss Irene Jeffries of Lefroy, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. B. Pearce.

Mr. Leslie Rowe of Toronto spent Christmas with his father, Mr. C. Rowe.

Mrs. F. Kitching and Miss Kathleen Kitching of Toronto and Mr. Max Grantham of Newmarket visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Kitching on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Stephenson spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sedore at Keswick.

Mr. L. Moore of Toronto spent Christmas with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd, Nobel, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. Faucett.

Miss M. Croser of Barrie is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. L. Moore.

Friends are glad to hear that Miss Jean Bennett has recovered from her appendix operation and has returned to the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Benn.

Miss Dorothy Sheppard is spending a week with Miss Barbara Van Vleet in Toronto.

## A HELP

A young man was doing his own shopping. He said to the pretty girl behind the draper's counter: "I want a pillowcase, please."

"Yes," said the girl. "What size?"

"The young man looked awkward. "Why—er—I'm not sure," he said, "but I take a 6 1/2 hat."

## TORONTO MARKETS

Country dealers were quoted on graded eggs, cases free, delivered to Toronto, 30 to 31 cents a dozen for Grade A large, in Toronto on Saturday.

The shipper received 29 to 30 cents for young Ontario turkeys, 18 to 20 cents for A-grade geese, 21 cents for spring broilers, one to two and a half pounds.

Butter was at a standstill as a result of uncertainty with regard to the government fixed price.

No. 2 timothy was \$11 to \$12 a ton, No. 3, \$8 to \$9.

## LOCAL MARKET

A large number of farmers had their products at the local market on Friday afternoon, which included a quantity of fowl. Town buyers were more numerous than at the morning markets. Prices for turkeys ranged from 28 to 32 cents a pound. Chickens were 20 and 22 cents, ducks, 22 cents, and geese, 22 and 23 cents a pound.

Butter sold at from 35 to 40 cents a pound. Eggs were 30 cents a dozen.

Apples brought 30 cents a six-quart basket.



LIEUT.-COL. R. B. HARKNESS

## VICTORY SURE COMMANDANT TELLS TRAINEE

TRAINEE MANAGES TO GET  
INTERVIEW FROM COL.  
HARKNESS

FINDS C.O. HUMAN

(In "The Colours," Newmarket training centre newspaper).

By Pte. Robt. Wedd

"The splendid spirit of self-sacrifice which has led so many men to give up lucrative positions so that they might see their country at this crucial hour, is the driving force that will ensure victory," the commanding officer told me this morning.

He praised his own officers and N.C.O.'s very highly, and mentioned several who had accepted a rank lower than they had held in the first world war. He also mentioned others who had held excellent jobs in civilian life but had abandoned them in order to serve their country in the best way they knew.

It was in the hope of letting the trainees know something about their commanding officer that the writer sought an interview. Doubtful as to the possibility, I presented myself to the adjutant, and in a faltering voice, made the request. Captain Dodgson smiled pleasantly, and very kindly consented to arrange a meeting.

The office of Lieut.-Col. Harkness is situated at the rear of the battalion headquarters hut and is quite unobtrusive. During the interview a springer spaniel slept peacefully in a corner of the room.

Having had little or no experience at this sort of thing, I confess I was awkward and somewhat nervous at first, but the frank and genial manner of the commanding officer soon put me completely at ease. It was like talking to an old friend.

The commanding officer was reluctant to talk about himself and very modest about his military career. However, we did manage to glean the following facts:

In 1914 he enlisted as a private in the Canadian Engineers and went overseas with the first division to Salisbury Plains. From there he was moved to Shorncliffe military camp at Folkestone. In June of 1915 he was commissioned as a second lieutenant into the Imperial army. From then on he served with the Welsh regiment until the Armistice.

He rose rapidly, and in the closing months of the war, commanded the regiment. He was wounded in July, 1916, and also in March, 1918, during the big push. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre in July, 1916, and the D.S.O. in the latter part of the war.

The reader can easily judge from the foregoing brief outline that our colonel is a soldier with a very distinguished and enviable record.

When asked about the present class of trainees, the C.O. said they were a fine lot of boys and expressed satisfaction with the progress that had been made in

their training despite adverse weather conditions.

"They are being given an opportunity to make many new contacts and friends, and this spirit of friendship and co-operation amongst the troops is the backbone of a good army," the commandant said. He informed me that the boys would be given an opportunity to join a military unit upon the completion of their training.

A good deal more was discussed during the interview than is possible to print here. Lieut.-Col. Harkness was glad to answer any of my questions and supplied considerable information which has been valuable to the editing staff of the paper. It was with regret that I bade adieu at the close of a very pleasant chat, and left with the definite impression that Lieut.-Col. Harkness, D.S.O., was at once a real soldier and a kind gentleman.

## COMBINED Y AND ARMY APPEAL SUGGESTED

Both the Y.M.C.A. and the Salvation Army, which conducted successful campaigns here last year, have announced national campaigns for early in 1941, the "Y" campaign in January or February and the Army campaign in March.

Both these organizations favored a combined campaign for all war services, but that effort failed. There is still no reason why there could not be a combined campaign in Newmarket for these two organizations, which are both doing the same kind of work among Canadian soldiers at home and in England, it is felt by some Newmarket citizens.

The Salvation Army campaign announcement follows:

Due to the heavy demands of its Auxiliary War Services for troop camps, both C.A.S.F. and N.P.A.M., provided at the request and under the direction of the Canadian Department of National Defence, Ottawa, the Salvation Army has found it necessary to prepare for a national drive for funds on March 10 to 19, inclusive, next spring.

The objective has been set, and approved by the war services department at Ottawa, at \$1,500,000. Quotas for individual communities and districts are now being worked out at national headquarters in Toronto.

Sir Edward W. Beatty, G.B.E., K.C., LL.D., president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has accepted the position of national chairman for the drive.

Organization of district, or provincial, and community committees is under way. Voluntary committees of leading citizens for every city, town and community across Canada will be set up well before March 10.

It was pointed out today by Salvation Army officials that the drive had been made necessary only after all efforts to effect a combined campaign for all war service organizations had proven futile.



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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Harold LaValle of Toronto spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James LaValle, Centre St.

Mrs. M. L. Andrews and Misses Martha and Marjorie Andrews spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brooks, Newmarket.

Reeve C. A. Malloy, Misses M. and C. Malloy, Mr. Wm. Malloy, and Mr. and Mrs. Warden Leavens of Bolton spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Prentice, Toronto.

Sgt. James Murray, of the North Bay training camp staff, will spend New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Murray, Wellington St.

Mr. Mel, March of Toronto spent Christmas day with his father, Mr. Wm. March, Yonge St.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson and Miss Jacqueline Thompson spent Christmas at Caledonia, Ontario, with Mr. and Mrs. N. Butcher.

Mr. Willard White of the Dufferin-Haldimand Rifles will spend New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, Church St.

Mr. Floyd Yake of the Dufferin-Haldimand Rifles spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Forest Tootle, Ransom St.

Miss Mae Fry of Toronto spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fry, Temperance St.

Miss Donald and Vernon Sutton of the Dufferin-Haldimand Rifles will spend New Year's with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sutton, Victoria St.

Mrs. T. R. Case, Mrs. J. I. Hartman, and Mr. Gerald Case of Chicago, Illinois, spent Christmas in Toronto.

Trooper Kenneth Babcock of the R.C.A.F. St. John's, P.Q., spent the Christmas season with his family, Mr. Cecil Atkinson, of Elora, and Mrs. Eric Gardner, of Coppercliff, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anthony, of Elora, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Atkinson.

Mr. Fred Obee of Orillia spent the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Obee, Wellington St.

Misses Florence and Winnifred Hays of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Shave.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Preston of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Bunn, Wells St.

Mr. N. G. dePencier spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. Stewart Walker, of Kirkland Lake, Miss Audrey Walker, of Toronto, Mr. Bert Walker, of Timmins, and Miss Dorothy Miller, of Barrie, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker, Metcalfe St.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCleary of Toronto have moved back to town and are occupying an apartment at "Greenbank." Mr. McCleary continues his employment with the Toronto daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wood and family of Toronto were in town during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher of Montreal, P.Q. and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Snell of Toronto spent Christmas with Colonel and Mrs. Thomas Dunn, Kennedy St.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harnan, of Glenora St., spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Harman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Steels of Kingston spent the holidays with Mrs. Steels' mother, Mrs. Charles Webster, Yonge St.

Mrs. H. J. Bain, Harrison Ave., spent Christmas in Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Goodman and Mrs. Ruth Goodman, Temperance St., spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andrews, Toronto.

Mr. Harry Stephens of Detroit, Mich., a former Aurora boy and brother of Mrs. M. L. Andrews, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brooks, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Muir Macdonald of Vaughan, Ont., were in town for a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. Macdonald last week.

Mr. Fred Osborne of Christie Street hospital spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Barker, of St. Charles Dunham, Wellington St., spent the holiday with her sister, Mrs. Charles of Newmarket.

Miss Kate Osborne and Miss Hilda Bridge of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Osborne, Mill St.

Mr. J. J. McDonald of Cannington, who has been visiting his granddaughter, Mrs. Stanley Pickett, the past week, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee of Toronto spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Wellington St.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes, of York St., are spending New Year's in Montreal, P. Q.

Miss Jane Hodgkinson, Wellington St., is spending this week with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Lindsay, Toronto.

Capt. Hugh Conn of the R.C.A.F. Camp Borden, was in town on Thursday calling on friends.

Mrs. W. L. Amiraux of Toronto spent Christmas holidays with Mrs. H. J. Wells.

Douglas Blairhouse of the R.C.A.F. training school at Galt spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blairhouse, Galt St.

Lieut. Bill King of the staff of Brantford militia camp is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. C. King, Yonge St.

## NUMBER OF LOCAL BOYS IN R.C.A.F. GROWS

With speed and precision rivaling that which it possesses in the air, men of the Royal Canadian Air Force are rapidly shifted from one training centre to another. Among the Aurora boys recently transferred are Fred Wilkinson from Brantford to Windsor, and Arnold Davis from Manning Pool to eastern Canada.

Among the young men from this district who have recently entered the R.C.A.F. is Robert Turp, a graduate of the local high school, an outstanding vocalist, and well-known to York musical festival audiences. He is stationed at Manning Pool.

Robert Hacking, Wells St., also at Manning Pool, has been raised from the rank of corporal to sergeant.

Douglas Egan of Mosley St., who was called up by the fliers on Dec. 28, will not be in uniform until he has completed another test to be taken in a few weeks time.

Lloyd Chaburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, Yonge St., was some months ago presented with his wings and he is the first Aurora boy to attain the rank of pilot officer and proceed overseas.

## CHURCHES WILL HOLD WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Watch night services will be held New Year's eve in two local churches. Trinity Anglican church will mark the quiet dignity of the advent of the New Year with its customary service. At the Aurora Baptist church the Young People's Society is also holding a watch night service, to which the public is invited.

## SPORTSMAN SERVES

Dr. Charles Dales of Toronto, a brother of Dr. Lowell Dales of Newmarket and a prominent member of Aurora baseball and hockey teams some years ago, has joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and is now stationed at Aldershot camp in Nova Scotia.

## SOLDIER GETS MEASLES

Pte. Gordon Tindale of the Argyll-Sutherland Highlanders, until two weeks ago a member of the Queen's York Rangers, in the short space of time he has been on active service is already getting a taste of army life, having contracted measles and now being in isolation.

## INSTALL NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF U.E.L.

On Thursday evening, Wor. Bro. Lorne C. Lee, district master, installed William Milgate and the newly elected officers of United Empire lodge 618 at a well-attended meeting in the Orange lodge hall. On Saturday, Jan. 11, the district meeting will be held at Bellevue in the community hall there.

## TRINITY CHURCH SEES SANTA FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Santa Claus made an arctic Xmas visit to Trinity church parish hall on Friday afternoon and evening. The juniors attended the afternoon session, while in the evening the older children attended. Rev. R. K. Perdue presided over the affair which afforded the children another opportunity to see their old friend before Dec. 25 next.

## GET OUT "WEEKLY"

Rev. R. Keith Perdue, the new rector of Trinity Anglican church, in conjunction with the church wardens, is issuing each week a mimeographed parish leaflet containing all the official announcements of the church and the rector's weekly message. The pamphlet is attractively arranged and should serve a useful purpose in the life of the church.

## SAYS NAZIS CONFIDENT

Joe "Corporal" Smith of the veterans' home guard, on duty at an internment camp where German sailors are in custody, has been home on leave looking the picture of health. It is his first trip home since September. He reports the Nazis as being insolent and still naively confident in the belief that Hitler and Goering will shortly effect their release.

## M.D. JOINS NAVY

Dr. Gillian Macdonald, who for the past three months has been assistant to Capt. Dr. C. R. Boulding at the Aurora clinic, left last week to join the Royal Canadian Navy. He will hold the rank of lieutenant in the medical corps and will be stationed at either Esquimaux or Halifax.

Holy communion was celebrated on Christmas day at Trinity Anglican church, with services at 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., both of which were well attended by the parishioners and townspeople. Special prayers for the empire's war effort were offered.

Fred Wilkinson of the R.C.A.F. Brandon, is home on leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson, Harrison Ave.

## DOWN THE CENTRE

Jack Frost, the old sootie, beat a retreat last week with the result that the long-awaited clash between Aurora and Newmarket Redmen had to be postponed, much to the disgust of Frank Courtney, of the homesters, who rightfully was figuring on a full-house take. Unless Jack comes back to do his stuff, the schedule will soon be sadly upset.

Nine years is a long time! But it was just nine years ago come this semester that the old rivals, Aurora and Newmarket, played their last regular O.H.A. game. That was in 1932 with a four-team group functioning, composed of Oshawa, Pickering College and their two local playmates. Newmarket took the group with a team headed by Herbie Cain, and also featuring (we're quoting from memory only) such gallants as Don Willson, Normie Mann, Norm, Wob, Bob McCahe, Harvey Gibney, Larry Molyneux, Sparkey Vail, and Pete Dillman.

Oshawa, in second place, had Pep Kelly, Howie Peterson, Glenn Salter, and others. Aurora, then known as the "Millionaires," had a team which included Grainger in goal with a supposed under-study from Huntsville, Wca. Heaney, Johnny Rae, "the Paris flash," Johnny Clarke, Gar Preston, Dan VanClief, Keith Davis, Ken Rose, Bruce Foote, Recco Smart and one of the most popular boys ever to play here, Bob Scott, the Gravenhurst boy, who worked in the Imperial Bank.

Pickering finished last but the only one of their players we recall was Jack Peace, who was just about the best player in the whole group. A lot of class was spread around among the four teams and today's junior C line-ups aren't to be compared, although maybe we don't remember so well. That year saw Marlboro's oust the North Yorkers in the old Arena Gardens. Next year saw the Redmen, with Bill Hancock back at the helm, annex Kelly Peterson and Gar Preston from the group rivals and bring in Chief Huggins, Ran Forder, and Silver Doran to take the dominion junior title.

Check and double-check was the team motif back on those days both on and off the ice, as Dr. Charlie Boulding and Herman Gilroy mastered the Aurora team against Thompson - Smith - Hancock - Davis combination. But Newmarket were always able to raise the ante if necessary and had better scouts out for players, with the result they were always a shade or two better than the best we could turn out. The power of that great sportsman, Andy Davis, finally proved too much and Aurora folded up. Newmarket had its turn of too much hockey as the winning of the Memorial cup proved a severe strain on nerves and the purses of the faithful followers spread out all over North York with the result the Redmen too vanished from junior ranks.

Aurora took up the torch in 1935 with the results still fresh in our minds as the boys improved or were reinforced enough to reach the triumphs of 1933 and last spring. Up until the past season the scheme of co-operation between the two neighbors worked well, and although there's no co-operation now, we have no reason to believe that the new spirit that was created between the sporting elements of the two centres will continue.

Victory always seemed to hover over the red sweaters and snatch by some fluke or other, any chance the Aurora boys had of winning. If the old noggin functions rightly it was back in 1928 that Aurora won its last game from the canal-towners. That year the Conover-Browning ice palace collapsed after years of sagging in the centre section. Orphaned, the Aurora boys, then all home-brewed, took their home games over at Newmarket and it was right in the hub that Aurora took their win. Charlie Rowntree is pretty confident that this year his boys can continue the funk. Down here the boys for the most part have a different opinion. Newmarket are natural favorites but there are a large number of Missourians in North York who will have to be shown.

Newmarket Redmen are already installed in the books as pre-season favorites, but you never can tell what will happen. At the risk of being accused of allbawing, we point out the Aurora team has yet to have a practice together, although in a month they've played four exhibition games. There is still no ice in Aurora and the soft weather cancelled Friday's practice at Richmond Hill.

Wes Heaney, otherwise called "Ninny" for what reason we don't know, will master-mind the Aurora team from the bench for the season (and he was on that Aurora team back in 1932). There is no reason Wes can't do a good job. He has plenty of experience behind him, and he was a heady steady player in his day, and he has a way with fellows that goes over, and is filled with real sportsmanship. He has material which we think can be made into something and it will be up to him to deliver. His critics say he'll be too quiet and won't crack the whip, but "little Julius" can be as caustic as most when riled and if he starts out right from the start he won't find any trouble. An Aurora boy, Heaney should prove popular with

the fans, and we know he'll give all he has on the job. George Wilson, through business transfer, has been forced to sever his connection with the club.

Last year we sent a few Xmas wishes to those we thought about particularly, but this year we send our best to each and everyone of you. Our readers have been pretty well, and in the New Year we hope you'll drop us a line from time to time with your complaints, publicity you want, and suggestions for other articles. We'll be glad to co-operate in any way we can.

We asked Santa Claus to bring us all an extra helping of good sportsmanship and commonsense to spread around among our fellows. This year, as never before, with so many of our local boys doing their bit, and so many of our local sportsmen in the ranks and sorely missed at home, we need level heads and fair play to get the best out of our precious heritage of being able to "carry on" that you can sing it in high C, and good clean sportsmanship is an integral and vital part of that which we call democracy.

The grim reaper took its toll on two North York sportsmen this month in the persons of Commodore Aemilius Jarvis and Harry Marshall of Newmarket. Mr. Jarvis, a horseman and yachtsman, was a willing contributor all his days to other more plebeian branches of sport, and no man ever set a better example of sporting ethics for the younger fry. Curiously enough, it is often from games that lack mass appeal that the best of our sporting instincts spring.

Mr. Marshall was an outstanding lawn bowler, especially congenial on the greens, and his two sons, Doug, and Aub, have been a real credit to him. It is unfortunately all too true for the most part, that only after one or two men have passed on, do we realize that there is mostly a pretty swell bunch of fellows associated with sports.

Teddy Grosskurth, who performed for Aurora in the S.P.A., is the netminder for Young Rangers in A company. Ted, who is one of the best, also performs for Kodaks. The youngster would have played with Aurora if arrangements had been available. He is working on the night shift of a suburban war industry, and must start work at 11 p.m. Obviously it was a case of "no can do" with games up here.

Art Halliday, who was the Rangers' goalie, jumped to Etobicoke and will make the West Toronto boys B contenders. He is an outstanding performer. Aurora have two good boys on the dotted line in Ross Waddell and Ken House, who will do nicely. In addition there are two other boys seeking a trial with Aurora.

Sutton Greenishirts popped up with a 6-3 win over Campbellford in their first league game on Friday night, bringing wide smiles to the faces of Frank Kaiser and Ellis Pringle. Campbellford got the lone first period goal. Sutton opened the throttle in the second to coast for three without a reply and the last period saw the visitors get two markers and the home club three. Carpenter got two goals, Culverwell two, and Gibney and Shephstone one each. Gardner had three assists and Michaeluk and Gibney two apiece. Smith is again in goal, and that's a stiff sell.

The defence is a gigantic combine, with Bud Gibney from the juniors, Ellis Pringle, ex-pro, Bill Dinkholder, last year with Niagara seniors and Jack Culverwell. Jack, who has always been a Sutton mainstay, is pretty hefty too but not as big as the other trio. However, his mercantile experience gives him top speed. Up front Harvey Gibney, the Newmarket boy, centres one line flanked by our own Frank Michaeluk and Cecil Carpenter. The "Corporal" has two boys who can really go with him and should be ideal at the pivot spot. Michaeluk, always a late conditioner in other years, looks in the best health of the past three years and his backhand shot is going good. Carpenter only needs a line-mates to get up steam.

Mercantiles make up the other line, with Shephstone, who has played intermediate in this vicinity with at least three different clubs, at one on the other boards, with Gardner a real danger-man at centre. Brandon was in reserve. Two of this line received injuries. Harris re-opened an old skate wound in his ankle, while Gardner got a nasty clip on the nose.

Al Shupe is expected back in town and there are several other boys available for duty as well, we suppose, as other mercantiles. Pringle and Kaiser are looking after the team, with Messrs. Sibbald, Frank Culverwell and other experienced executives ready and willing to lend a hand. I'll take a pretty classy bunch to stop these boys winning the title. They are North York's best bet for a title.

Good-bye old '40. You've been pretty good to the sport fans and inter-scholastic competition of Newmarket high school. . . CHH Chapman and Jim Hanson's cycling wins. . . Graham Teasdale's coaching contribution. . . These are but a few of the things we'll always remember. New Year's eve Aurora and Richmond Hill badminton clubs wind up the year with big dances. . . and although you may be weary of hearing it, to many and all we say Happy New Year.

## LOOKS LIKE MAYOR'S OFFICE WON'T BE EMPTY

It would look as though Aurora will have a mayoralty contest. Dr. E. J. Henderson and Frank Underhill have both announced their intention of running for the office of mayor.

Councillors Ross Linton, John Stuart, and Dr. G. A. C. Gunton have announced their intention of running for councillors. Ralph Grieves has also announced his candidature for council.

## FARMERS SAY PRICES UNFAIR

## ONTARIO FEDERATION PASSES RESOLUTION ON HOGS AND CREAM

(From the Rural Co-operator)

Discussion on the prices of hogs and cream was very much to the fore at a public meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in Toronto on Nov. 26. Kenneth Morrison, manager of First Co-operative Packers, Barrie, and a member of the advisory committee of the bacon board, reviewed the hog situation in considerable detail. He pointed out the importance of increased volume made possible under the new bacon agreement with Britain in approving a market for additional quantities of Canadian grain.

As a result of considerable dissatisfaction regarding the new bacon price in the face of increased cost of production, a resolution was passed urging that "in order to restore a measure of equality of sacrifice between agriculture and other economic groups in Canada, the federal government assume responsibility for payment to the Canadian hog producer, of the difference between the old and the new contract in order that the farmer will be paid for his hogs on the price basis on which he planned his increased hog production."

A scheme for the marketing of cream was approved by the meeting.

After it was revealed to the meeting that powers exist to set a maximum price for the things the farmer sells but not for the things he must buy, the following resolution was passed: "In protest against the comparative low prices which farmers are being forced to accept for their farm products, be it resolved that the powers of the war-time prices and trade board be enlarged, giving them authority to investigate and fix, where necessary, the prices of fertilizer, concentrates, farm implements and other farm supplies."

The feature speaker for the meeting, Waldo Walsh, director of marketing for Nova Scotia, stressed the necessity of starting at the bottom and having a good strong organization backed up by good strong locals. He stated that we need men of courage, not "pussy-footers" if agriculture is to be improved. The meeting was in the charge of the president and the secretary of the Ontario federation, James Gifford and V. S. Milburn.

## BOWLERS PAY RESPECTS TO LATE H. B. MARSHALL

On Thursday evening, headed by Reeve C. A. Malloy, the club president, several tens of Aurora bowlers journeyed to Newmarket to pay their respects at the bier of the late Harry B. Marshall, who died on Tuesday evening.

Era classifieds save money.

His, and the suspension and all-round play of Joint McComb.

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Herbie Cain's big year in hockey and softball.

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Joe Morris' fine basketball play.

Bill Hodes' annexing another golf title.

Campy Borden's softball entry.

Teddy Bennett's great performance and the Newmarket-Richmond Hill softball fiasco and executive blunders.

Ag. Yake, Harry Milroy, Johnny O'Connor, Keith Davis and other sportsmen join the colors.

King City's softball triumphs in the rural series.

Marj. McCleary's huling and the Webster girls' victory over Thornhill.

Lees Ostrom's tennis superiority and the Aurora club's play all season.

C. W. Smith and Undisturbed.

## EDITORIAL

### Whitchurch and Aurora electors!

Be sure to turn out to vote next Monday. A question of importance to the future of your municipality is to be decided, whether the next council is to hold office for one or two years.

There is nothing in the legislation to provide for a return to the one-year term at the end of the war. That remains with the legislature. Take no chances and retain the annual election.

## WILL BE VOTE FOR WHITCHURCH REEVE

Earl Toole and Newton Rae were nominated for the office of reeve at Whitchurch township nominations at Vancor this afternoon. They are both expected to qualify.

Others members of the council were elected by acclamation as follows: deputy-reeve, Jesse Cook; councillors, Herbert Wells, George Leary and Herman Kidd.

There will also be a vote on the two-year term.

## PASTOR'S RESIGNATION IS FORMALLY ACCEPTED

On Sunday evening following the regular service the congregation of Aurora United church formally accepted the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Dr. E. J. Thompson. Dr. Thompson will become minister at St. Luke's church, Montreal, P. Q., the end of January.

Rev. W. A. Westcott, of the Wesley-Temperanceville circuit, was named interim moderator, while a committee to deal with supply and the appointment of a new pastor will consist of 10 persons. Mrs. C. H. Sheppard and B. E. Hambley were named to represent the congregation, while two members will be appointed by the board of sessions, the Sunday school and the board of stewards, and one each from the Women's Auxiliary, and the Women's Missionary society. The representatives to the presbytery were authorized to send formal notification of the vacancy in the pastorate of the church to church officials.

Formal presentations will be made by church groups and civic bodies as soon as plans are submitted. It is understood that the young people of the church will make a presentation at their next regular meeting.

## LIFE INSURANCE FINDS NEWSPAPERS HELPFUL

Reaffirmation of confidence in newspapers as an advertising medium was expressed by R. Leighton Foster of Toronto general counsel for the Canadian life insurance officers' association, speaking at the annual meeting of the institute of life insurance in New York last week.

Mr. Foster recalled that the first life insurance institutional advertisements had appeared in the daily press throughout Canada 20 years ago.

"Today," he continued, "every daily newspaper and every farm and financial paper rated by the Audit Bureau of Circulations, and every Class A weekly newspaper throughout the dominion is included on our media list."

Because the contributing countries, by and large, were thoroughly satisfied with the results achieved from the outset, Mr. Foster stated, life insurance institutional advertising had always been a purely newspaper campaign.

"Year after year," the speaker said, "the committee had considered suggestions for a different type of campaign, but it has always concluded, as it did again in reporting to the association's annual meeting last June, to recommend a continued campaign of the same general character that had been undertaken in the past."

Canadian life insurance men, Mr. Foster declared, had counted themselves very fortunate in recent years in having an established vehicle by which they could tell their policyholders, and the people of Canada, some things they ought to know in the light of comparatively new developments. Institutional advertising, he said, had been an important factor in emphasizing the stability and in maintaining the prestige of life insurance in Canada.

## LITERARY SOCIETY WILL PURCHASE DANCE RECORDS

Early in the New Year the Aurora high school literary society will consider the advisability of purchasing a movie camera for use at the school. A number of new dance records are also being purchased for the school orthophonic.

## TAKES R.C.A.F. COURSE

Ben Cox, Jr., of Toronto, former Aurora boy and well known all-round athlete, is taking the course at Galt provided by the R.C.A.F.

## Clifford Case, Former M.P., Dies After Long Illness

Former legislature member, Clifford Case died at York county hospital this morning. He was 42 years old.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Case, Snowball. He was born in King township, attended Snowball public school and Aurora high school.

He studied law with the late Col. T. Herbert Lennox and graduated about 1924.

He married Mary Dunbar of Milverton, Ontario, and practised law in Toronto and Aurora.

In 1929 he received the Conservative nomination and defeated P. W. Pearson of Newmarket by 193 majority. In 1934 he lost to Mor-

gan Baker, Liberal, of Baker Hill.

He was a member of the United church board of stewards, Rising Sun Masonic lodge, Oddfellows, L.O.L. 643, Summit and Aurora golf clubs and the Albany club, Toronto.

He is survived by his wife and three sons, George, Howard and Clifford, who are attending school in Aurora; and by a brother, Douglas, Toronto, and three sisters, Madeline and Betty, Aurora, and Mrs. Alex. Ritchie, Leamington.

Mr. Case has been in hospital in Toronto and Newmarket for four months and had been in ill health for quite a long time before that.

## Aurora's Oldest Native Son Marks 90th Milestone

One of Aurora's grand old men—the oldest living native son—will celebrate his 90th birthday on the last day of the present year.

He is Walter Macchell, Tyler St., and few people possess a more authentic knowledge of the town's history than Mr. Macchell, who, except for a slight impediment in his hearing and the loss of the sight of his left eye, is in full possession of his faculties.

He was born, he says, "either in this house or in the one on Wellington St. occupied by Jess Banbury now." However, he does definitely recall living in a log cabin at the corner of Wellington and Victoria Sts., where Dr. Boulding's residence stands. There was a barn on the site of the Whimster residence and a pond back of it for the cattle, "where we used to skate and play shinny. For sticks we used rough wooden limbs and a wooden puck, and our skates screwed on ordinary boots," he recalled.

At the time of his birth Aurora bore the name of Macchell's Corners, named after his grandfather, the late Richard Macchell. Richard Macchell was of Yorkshire stock and was for years a merchant at the corner of Wellington and Yonge Sts., a site now occupied by G. R. Ardill and which for over 100 years has been a trading centre. Mr. Macchell's father, Edwin Macchell, was born here, too, but died when his son was six years old. His mother, Uretta Davis, was of old King township stock.

He attended school on the site of the present school but recalls other structures on Tyler St. and Kennedy St. Until he was about 21 he spent his time helping on the farm. The industries in town were brickyards, tannery, rope factory, a brewery, and railway shops at the G.T.I. station. The railway picnic, he recalls, used to be held annually at Hartman's bush. He saw the start of the Fleury plant, and has lived to see it close locally this week.

"Aurora has suffered several times with departing factories," he said, "it is too bad they can't get something in the Fleury plant. It's a shame to see the buildings closed."

On January 1, 1863, Macchell's Corners was officially incorporated as the village of Aurora. The Conservative leader, John A. Macdonald, came to town and was greeted with a torchlight parade. Confederation became a reality. All this took place in Mr. Macchell's teens. Practically the entire business block on the east side of Yonge St. except his grandfather's store was destroyed by a fire in this period too. The west side of the street met a similar fate a little bit later.

At the age of 22, just after his marriage, he opened a brickyard in partnership with his brother, David, on Tyler St., which he operated for 40 years or more, selling the land to the Collis Leather Co. On the opposite side of the brickyards, James Nicol's brick plant was closing and the new business soon found favor. It was his bricks that were laid for the Anglican and Methodist churches, part of Mechanics' hall, the old high school, the Masonic hall, part of the Fleury plant, the Ardill block and many more, all standing testimony to the quality of his workmanship.

"There were six hotels here then and not many houses on Tyler St.," he stated. "I moved into my present house and my neighbors were Bagley's back near George St. We could see anyone coming from the corner. There were deposits of clay suitable for fine bricks, but they were all worked out, leaving no natural resources available."

On his retirement from business he was appointed to the staff of the county sheriff in Toronto and in company with his life-long friend, the late "Donnie" Macdonald, he made the trip to Toronto as a court attendant for nearly 20 years. The change in governments paved the way for his retirement. From 1916 on, in addition, he served as halliff of the 6th division court and retired from this office in 1936.

He served thousands of writs and summonses, made countless seizures and drove by horse and buggy or cutter thousands of miles

in the interest of the administration of justice. For the most part, things were fairly peaceful, but there were, he says, many irate persons who deemed his visit a personal rather than impersonal one. He did not back down because of threats but carried out his duties honestly, efficiently, and kindly too.

At one time there were 251 actions entered locally. When he left office this had dwindled to about 75 or 80. "I guess people don't take small matters as seriously as they did then," he says. "The late Colonel T. Herbert Lennox, for whom he was a warm supporter, was, regardless of politics, about the best lawyer he recalls in the courts."

At the age of 16 he was a member of McLeod's cavalry, a unit formed by Colonel McLeod of Oakridges.

"I attended the first Niagara camp and we were nearly dumped overboard at the old fort on arrival. Our captain, Baldwin by name, made them bring us back by Hamilton when the 16 days were up. Another year we camped on the Aurora race-track on Kennedy St. and for two or three years at the park at Holland Landing. I had no time for the army after I got in my own business and I had to quit."

There is no doubt in his mind as to who will win the war.

Since a youth he has been an attendant at Trinity Anglican church and, despite the fact that he has been in ill-health for some months, he attended early morning service on Christmas morning. He was impressed with the new rector, Rev. R. K. Perdue.

His only recreation was hunting, a sport he gave up about 12 years ago following the death of his wife, and on his walls are mounted trophies of the chase, mute evidence of his skill with the rifle.

"In three falls we got 53 deer on the Magnetawan," he recalled. "Our party varied from year to year but we always had lots of fun. I'd love to be able to go again."

A moderate user of alcohol, Mr. Macchell has not been a great smoker, except for an occasional cigar.

At the age of 21 he married Carrie Appleton, who died at the early age of 26. In 1882 he married Marybeth Cobia, a public school teacher, and to them were born three sons and two daughters, all living today. Edward resides in Toronto, Ross at home and Frank, better known as "Pete," lives at Brampton.

His daughters are Mrs. Walter Dove of Toronto and Mrs. Orle DeLattaye, Wells St. "Pete" was one of the greatest hockey and lacrosse players ever developed locally and for many years was one of the leading exponents of Canada's national game with the Brampton Excelsiors.

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## NEW YEAR'S DAY

By GOLDEN GLOW

It is amazing how quickly 1940 has gone—and yet what a lot has been packed into that 365 days (don't forget it was leap year!), and as we stand on the threshold of another year, we find ourselves looking into the future with confidence that, before we celebrate another Christmas, we shall have advanced quite a long distance along the road to final victory. But I am not going to write on the war any more than I have in the past—others more competent than I can do that for us.

But here is something that is in my mind these days, and I am just going to pass it along for it may also interest someone else. It has to do with war in a sense, but—well! Here is what I mean. Does the name "Caleb" bring up anything definite in your mind? I found myself thinking that some of the seasoned veterans now serving overseas, and in other capacities at home might well take "Caleb" as their prototype. There may be someone reading this who is not familiar with the story of that great Bible hero, Caleb, so I may as well write a short paragraph or two, just how the character fits my meaning. Caleb, you must know, was one of the so-called "spies" sent out by Moses to "spy out" the Promised Land, one for each tribe, a ruler among them, a man of intelligence and vigor. I should think we might supply the word "scouts" instead of the original "spies," for the latter word is certainly in bad repute these days. But to resume, Joshua and Caleb are always mentioned together, and as the story goes, they two were the only ones who brought back a good report of the Promised Land. The rest gave a false report, trying to incite rebellion against Moses so that the children of Israel should return to Egypt, the land of easy living.

The story records the blotting out of all the twelve spies but Caleb and Joshua—and as the scripture story relates, they two were the only ones privileged to enter the Promised Land of all those of twenty years and over who left Egypt.

But it is of Caleb's later years I am really thinking—and if you have time look up Joshua 14, verses 10 and 11, and you can read it for yourself far better than I can tell it. Caleb set a new mark for "When does life begin?" He says: "As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in, and that was after the forty years wandering in the wilderness, and as he says, 'I am this day fourscore and five years old.' That meant he was 85, and asking to be given the chance to once more fight for his country. Need I say more? The

## A Winter Scene From My Ministry

R. R. McMATH

Three long rings! Why, that is the general store, post office, and local news centre. Let's listen in! It's someone enquiring if the stage has come in yet. They say no, and it will be late as the roads are very heavy after the snowstorm. Well, we must have something for supper, so whether the mail has arrived or not, I must journey up to the store.

There I heard the news that a certain home had been stricken with the flu. The mother and a number of the children were ill. The doctor had just passed through the village and had announced his destination. Someone had "listened in" on the phone, too, and heard the doctor being called. So the news was authentic. It was a family some three miles distant in the country.

They were not church folk by any means. They lived on a farm in a very rough neighborhood. By rough I mean rocky. A neighborhood where folk should be remunerated for living instead of paying taxes for the privilege. As a family they lived very much to themselves. They just didn't mix with the neighbors.

I hurried home and talked the matter over with my wife. Should I go and visit the family and offer what help we could give? Well, why should I? They never come near church nor do they ever support it. True, but, of course, they are not overflowing with this world's goods. Quite so, but they had as much as some and more than many who attend church and support it.

Still, John Wesley commanded his preacher to "go not only to those who need you but to those who need you too." How could I go? I had rented my horse that day to the stage driver and he would be late returning. Besides, 36 miles in one day was sufficient for any horse on a heavy winter road. The only thing to do was to walk.

I arrived there just on time to meet the doctor as he drove away. It's quite serious, he told me, and they must have someone to care for them. See what you can do. The mother had pleural pneumonia, the boy of nine years had pneumonia, and the three-months-old twins had the flu. Others in the family were so feverish they were unable to help one another. A neighbor woman had come in to be there while the doctor was in attendance and promised to remain until I should bring some help.

The neighbors were dilatory about entering the home. However, I made my three miles walk home again and announced my findings. Although the horse

name Caleb wasn't in my mind for nothing, you see! Caleb and Joshua can still be honored names in the life of the older men who, serving in the last war, are now offering themselves in any capacity in this present strife, even as did Caleb. We should never grow too old or indifferent to "hero-worship," as we used to call it in our young days.

Why it looks as if I am preaching a sermon—but that is far from my thoughts. I only want to add another name to the list of old-time warriors who can still inspire us! And I said I wasn't going to write about the war, and here I have used up more than half my space already—however, it is just as well for us to have a few heroic characters firmly fixed in our thoughts at the beginning of a new year, in order that we may emulate the associated with making good resolutions, as somebody said, "New Year's resolutions are like pie-crust, made to be broken." Well, at any rate it won't hurt us to make them, for we can't do it without some thought, and that of course will class us with the thinkers of whom I heard someone say the other day there were so few, only about 10 percent of the population—that the other 90 percent let someone else do their thinking for them! That surely is a wide open statement, but how can any of us say it isn't true, much as we should hate to admit it!

If I say what else I think about New Year's, many I hope will recall similar New Year's eves. It was that glorious custom of "ringing out the old year, ringing in the new!" (I have so often written about my love of bells that my readers must know it by now!) When a small child, the ringing of the bells was something emblematic to me, and I vividly recall my delight in having one of the older ones wake me up to hear them. The sweet-toned Anglican church bell, the Christian church bell, with its deep resonance, the silvery tones of the Roman Catholic church bell all blended into one grand peal of welcomes to the new year and I can recall still the shiver of delight hearing the "music of the bells" caused me. It was always a disappointment when the factory whistles replaced the historic old "ringing of the bells" New Year's eve.

**Gardening Hazards**  
Mr. Outman—Did your garden do well last summer?  
Mrs. Innman—No; every time my husband started digging, he found a lot of worms, so he would always quit and go fishing.

was tired I hitched it up again and my wife and I drove off to be the nurses for the night. What a night that is to remember! My horse was well stabled and fed, and the man of the house showed us where everything was stored that we might need during the night.

My wife undertook to look after the boy and the mother, and I agreed to care for the twins. Such a division of duties did not work out. We had to adopt a plan of co-operation. The fire had to be kept going—piling on the wood; the water had to be kept boiling so the poultices could be kept warm; the babies' bottles needed attention and the babies must be kept from crying so as not to worry the mother. What a job!

A young married couple, with no children of their own, to have a pair of twins thrown at them, if only for a night, was quite an undertaking. I could heat the bottles and squirt the milk on my hand to test its heat but I could not stop either of them from crying long enough to drink it. I gave it up as a bad job and turned them over to my wife. When pressed against the gentle flutter of a mother heart, how the sobbing stops!

Of course, while my wife placed the poultices on the mother and boy, I resumed my old job of parading the floor and carrying them. Then I turned them over again to the mother heart while I stoked the fire and warmed afresh the poultices. Talk about a night of toil and worry! Nowadays, it would not bother us in the least, but it was the worry from inexperience. Early next morning I drove off to another neighbor's and brought the lady of the house to stay for the day. That night a couple of ladies from the village volunteered to go out and stay for the night.

The following night the good lady of the parsonage and another lady from the village went out and spent another night. In eight days the mother was up and cooked dinner for the entire family. Such is the battle country folk must ever fight. The twins are now eighteen years old and live on the farm goes on much the same. A load of wood for the preacher's home or a load of hay for his horse was not too much for that family to give in after years nor was their support to the church, when solicited, felt to be an imposition.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He did not say how or in what language, but he did say, "I am among you as one that serveth." The church can still propagate the gospel through service.

## Ravenshoe

The excitement of Christmas seems to be over for another year. Santa appeared on Wednesday and he was kept very busy with all the children.

A number from here were in Sutton last Saturday, Dec. 21, to see the Santa Claus parade. Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and baby spent Christmas with Mrs. King's parents at Brougham.

Mr. Carl Tomlinson of Three Rivers, Que., is spending a few days at his home here.

Mr. George Tomlinson spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mahoney of Espanola are spending Christmas holidays at their homes here.

Mr. Ralph Davidson of Lindsay was home for Christmas, but has returned to work again.

Mr. and Mrs. David Davidson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson of Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smalley spent Christmas with Mrs. Smalley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus King.

Mr. Dan Mahoney of Furnace Falls is spending his holidays at home. A number of the young people from here were skating in Sutton on Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Holborn spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clark of Ravenshoe. The friends of John Whittaker are glad to hear that he is improving after his accident last week.

## Tickless Clocks Needed

Among the varieties of personal possessions forgotten by hotel guests when checking out, alarm clocks stepped up to first place recently.

The hotels of Times Square were ready to take this as an indication that Americans were becoming less time conscious, until the truth came out when a bellboy reminded a guest on his departure from the Woodstock hotel that he was forgetting his alarm clock.

"I know," replied the guest, "but I'd rather buy a new clock than take a chance on arousing the suspicion that a ticking suitcase arouses these days."

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## RURAL PEOPLE CALLED UPON TO SAVE DAY

(Continued from Page 1)

since the Durham report. It will profoundly affect the future of every Canadian citizen. It deserves the thoughtful study of everyone interested in Canadian well-being.

"Everyone has heard of the size of the report—it fills 32 large red volumes, but it is not as difficult to know the contents of these volumes as the size of the report would suggest.

"The commission was appointed in August of 1937 with the widest possible terms of reference. In a word, it was asked to find out what was wrong with the Canadian form of government. After 70 years it was quite clear something was radically wrong with our constitution. Changes were necessary and the problem was to discover what form the changes should take.

"To assist in discovering underlying facts, the commissioners called in a group of experts in various fields of study—accountants, economists and lawyers were asked to prepare factual reports on different phases of the commission's problem.

"Having started these studies, the commission set forth on its travels. It went to every province in Canada and to its public sittings came representatives of provincial governments, municipalities, teachers' associations, farmers' associations, doctors' associations, social service workers, civil servants and others.

"In these public hearings and private discussions, the commissioners learned a great deal about the realities of the Canadian picture. When they came to write their report they were able to do so with a knowledge of how Canadians thought and felt. They sought to make their report realistic and politically practicable.

"The main report of the commission consists of two important volumes, plus a volume of statistical tables. The main volumes deal first with the historical background and secondly with the recommendations.

**Recommendations**  
"The recommendations volume fills some 300 pages and deals with many matters which may be important to individual provinces and groups but which are collateral to the main recommendations of the commission. I would like to group together five main recommendations of the commission which make up the commission's main financial proposals.

"1. **Unemployment:** The commission recommended that the dominion should be responsible for the entire cost of administration of unemployment relief to all unemployed persons in Canada who are able to work. In addition, the dominion should have power to inaugurate unemployment insurance and a national system of employment offices.

"2. **Provincial public debts:** The commission recommended that the dominion take over the entire 'dead-weight' debt burdens of the provinces, and it should do so by taking over all provincial debts and receiving from each province an annual sum equivalent in amount to the present income from revenue-producing assets. Provision was also made for co-ordinated borrowing in the future.

"3. **Taxes:** The commission recommended that the dominion alone should have power to levy personal income taxes, corporation taxes and succession duties. Revenue from these taxes should be retained by the dominion except in respect of a very important rebate of corporation taxes, such rebate to be paid to the province in which the mining company carries on its operations.

"4. **The present system of subsidies from the dominion to the provinces should be abolished;**

"5. **In its place a new system of national adjustment grants should be paid by the dominion to the provinces, such grants to be sufficient in amount to enable each province to provide to its people educational and social services at a national average of quality provided each province would tax its people with average severity.**

**Aid to War Effort**  
"I believe that the recommendations of the report can be taken one by one and shown to make an immediate practical contribution to war effort. Take, for example, the recommendation as to corporation taxes. If I am right in suggesting that the present corporation tax structure is stifling business expansion, a simplification of the same would tend to create an expansion of business activity. If this results, new wealth is produced, the national income rises and it is easier to pay the enormous costs of the war effort.

"Consider the provincial debt recommendations. If default occurs income will be diminished, tax revenues will fall, business confidence will be lost, the burden of war expenditures will be made correspondingly greater and harder to carry.

"Consider unemployment recommendations. When the war is over the men on active service are demobilized and those in war

industries fall out of employment, we may be faced again with another serious unemployment problem.

"In 1929 we were faced with a catastrophe and in the following five or six years we dealt with the emergency badly and with great waste of human and material assets. We had at least the excuse that we were coping with an unprecedented situation. We will have no such excuse next time. We must prepare for future unemployment and improve our administrative system at a time when unemployment is low. When the full force of unemployment strikes us, we will have no time to make necessary and proper changes. Our chance in this regard may never come again.

## Ontario's Position

"I very much hope that we in Ontario, as the largest and most prosperous province, will be able to take the broad view of this report. It is foolish to suggest that there are not costs to be paid if the report is implemented, and by the nature of things a fair proportion of those costs must fall upon Ontario; but it must also be kept in mind that if the report is not implemented there will also be costs to be paid and a great proportion of those costs would certainly fall upon the province of Ontario.

"I suggest that we must realize here in Ontario that we are dependent in large measure upon the rest of Canada for our prosperity and that dependency creates for Ontario a certain responsibility for conditions in all parts of Canada. I would like to feel that Ontario would not shrink that responsibility.

"But on the lower and more practical ground, I think it can be argued that the deal for Ontario offered in the report is a very good deal indeed. The commission has made certain calculations, taking the year 1937 as a base, of the financial effects on each province of its proposals. The figures for Ontario show that the financial plan of the report would produce an improvement in the provincial finances of Ontario of \$5,326,000 and in the finances of municipal governments in Ontario an improvement of \$2,388,000. Those are the figures for 1937.

## Ontario's Opposition

"It has been argued that the figures for 1937 are not typical and that if the year 1940 were taken the result would be very different. Notably, an elaborate argument was put forward by the Toronto Evening Telegram in its issue of Nov. 15. With headlines across a full page, the Telegram announced 'Sirois Report Spells \$10,000,000 Annual Loss to Ontario.'

"The argument of the writer of the article is that 1940 conditions are different from 1937 conditions and that under improved industrial and economic conditions of 1940 the profit in the plan of some seven million dollars on the 1937 figures is converted into a loss. An elaborate table is prepared showing comparative figures for 1937 and 1940. These, the Telegram says, produce this result. The difficulty is that the Telegram has completely omitted \$10,000,000 on the credit side of the Ontario ledger for 1940, namely the estimated amount that would be rebated to the province under the provisions for the mining tax rebate.

"In addition, the Telegram has taken for 1940 the same net debt service as was required in 1937 when actually the net debt service is increased by more than three million dollars. In other words, the alleged 'net loss' to Ontario, as shown in the Telegram figures, of over five million dollars is actually a profit to Ontario of more than seven million dollars.

"These figures illustrate how beautifully the plan compensates itself. 1937 and 1940, as the Telegram states, are undoubtedly very different years but the financial result to Ontario in both years was approximately the same and in both years was a substantial profit. Arguments such as the Telegram put forward are, however, dangerous and misleading because it is so difficult to check the misconception which such arguments create.

## High Faith

"I have discussed the report, attempted to outline it and attempted to show that it will produce, for Canada as a whole and for Ontario in particular, great practical benefits. I have suggested that the recommendations will make an immediate contribution to the war effort. I feel moreover that the report has a deeper significance.

"We are today engaged in a war in which we are fighting for more than our material possessions. We are fighting for our way of life, for the forms of government and society in which we believe. That fight must include the production of guns and tanks and aeroplanes to resist external aggression but I, for one, believe that we must also be prepared to fight against internal obsolescence and decay.

"The fight against external aggression and the fight against internal decay are parts of the same fight. We must match the perverted faith of fascism with a faith in democracy that is equally strong, equally capable of evoking loyalty and equally successful in commanding sacrifice. We must make our faith in democracy a living faith with a positive belief in our ability to make our forms of government work.

**Vision Needed**  
"As a nation, have we the courage to make necessary improvements in our system when the need is apparent and the method is placed ready to our hands? Have we the necessary vision, have we aggressive leadership to point the way? Have we understanding among the people of all provinces to follow our leaders unflinchingly? "Beyond the practical advantages which I believe the report will give, I feel that our actions in the next few months will provide a test of the character of Canadian citizenship. Our action in regard to this report will give us a measure of the quality of our democracy."

## PEPPER AND SALT

By "PEP"

Colonel Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle might say: "New Year is stuff that, when you meet a person the night before, you wish him a happy," but I'll stick to a time-enhanced phrase and wish all my readers a very Happy New Year. You deserve such a greeting if for no other reason than that you have suffered yourself to glance over my column every once in a while. What you read might have given you joy, consolation or a bad headache, but thanks just the same; even a bad headache is good news to a druggist.

As far as Newmarket is concerned, in a sporting way, it is a case of forgetting a rather poor year and looking forward with hope to the year that is ahead. Only the high school hockey team won any puck and stick championships, when it captured the North York crown. The Newmarket ladies' softball array won their league title in their second year of organized baseball and in doing so provided the biggest upset of the year. On their play, the girls deserved to win and Alex Webster is the fellow who deserves the major share of glory for the happy season of feminine softball. He used lots of managerial knowledge to pull the girls through.

The Newmarket high school rugby eleven had its most successful season in a long time. Winning five games and losing none, the pigskin chasers really seemed to have something on the ball. They were fast, quick-thinking and had a good amount of courage. The fellow who instilled the plays and winning spirit into his team was Harry Westbrook. It took more than a few years to build up this team, but "Westy" did it.

The Junior Redmen weren't 'boy wonders' as far as hockey was concerned. They didn't get far in the league, but for all their faults and lack of experience, everyone was unanimous in the opinion that they had the ability and brains and put in two or three years they would put Newmarket on more than just the local map again. This new hockey season shows signs of improvement in their play. They have given St. Michael's 'B' team a couple of stiff tussles and promise to do a lot better than this in their Junior 'C' class. Of course, all these predictions hinge on the hope that we won't have rain all winter.

The Newmarket softball team didn't even scratch the league much less burn it up. However, the Redmen licked the pants off any Aurora 'opposition' that dared show its head and that was all the Newmarket fans really wanted in the worst way. The league needed a change in champions and Newmarket was obliging enough to vote yes in the matter.

Hardball had a profitable season. The fans were faithful even though scarce at times. Still, this was the usual season of hardball and all in all it was a good one. Alex Belugin wore his shoes off in getting the league off to a good start and keeping it on even keel, and deserves many thanks for his leadership. His War Savings draws proved to be popular. Whether the boys will play hardball next summer is hard to say. The military has possession of their diamond and it may be hard to make arrangements for games.

Heh, now that I come to think of it, 1940 wasn't such a bad year after all. So just don't pay any attention to the first sentence in the second paragraph. It's not true.

## Ambitious

Dad—I've worked hard these 50 years, Jim, and I feel that it's time for me to turn the business over to you and retire.

Son—Ah, shucks, Pop, why don't you work a little longer, and then both of us can retire?

## Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Smithurst are spending a couple of days this week with Mrs. Smithurst's sister in Powassan.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Hadden visited Mrs. Hadden's mother, Mrs. E. Spence, in Hartley, Christmas day.

Miss Viola Laviolette of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCrae and family of Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Vince McCrae and family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCrae of Beaver-ton were guests of Mrs. N. Laviolette for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Umphrey, Mr. and Mrs. Morley Umphrey of Udonia, Mr. and Mrs. George Gibson and family of Wilfrid, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rae, James and Ethel, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elymer Rae.

A large number attended the school concert last Friday evening. Pie, Jack Arnold of the Elgin Regiment, London, spent a few days this week visiting his wife and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Horner and Francis and Charlie Wight visited Mr. and Mrs. Reg Lyall and family at Gamebridge last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cronsberry and Eric visited Mrs. Cronsberry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. McClean, in Beaverton on Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Newlove is visiting his sister, Mrs. George Cronsberry, this week.

Mrs. Joe Carpenter and Carl of Big Bay Point called on friends in this district last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Arnold and family motored to Oshawa last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. F. Lyons and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Lyons' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, in Sutton.

## REV. HARVEY LINNEN GIVES INSPIRING ADDRESS

There was not the usual full house, only about three-quarters full at the weekly British-Israel meeting on the Sunday evening before Christmas when Rev. Harvey Linnen of Toronto gave an address in the Strand theatre, entitled "The new world order." It was a particularly inspiring address, leaving plenty of material in his hearers' minds to think over later.

## Dark Mystery

Tobe—See hyah, woman. Didn't Ah see you kissin' a no-count piece of trash last night? Liza—Gwan, Tobe. It was so dark Ah thought it was you. Tobe—Come to think of it, mebbe 'twas me—what time was dat?

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## MOUNT ALBERT JAMES SLORACH IS NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Well, Christmas is over once again, and what a lovely day; everyone could get around without any trouble, but it was too fine weather for sports such as skiing and skating.

Mrs. Mainprize spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Haigh, at Queensville.

Rev. and Mrs. R. V. Wilson and Miss Mary Wilson were in Toronto at the home of Mr. Wilson's parents for the holiday.

Mr. Sam Allison of Toronto and son, Richard, of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. McIsaac and son, Eric, of Toronto, were guests of Mrs. Blyth over Sunday.

Mr. Robt. Harmon of Parry Sound spent several days with his father, Mr. John Harmon, going on to Pakenham for Christmas.

Mrs. Harry Slack of Winnipeg has come to spend a few months with her sister, Miss E. Hayes. Dr. W. L. Carruthers of Camp Borden spent Christmas at his home in town.

Mrs. Geo. Walsh was taken to Wellesley hospital, Toronto, on Sunday, where she underwent a serious operation on Monday and is still very ill. All trust she may have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell of Erin spent Christmas with Mrs. Russell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Arnold.

Mr. John Leck spent Christmas Day with his cousin, Miss E. Leck.

Mrs. J. Williamson of Newmarket and Bruce Davidson of Toronto were Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson attended the wedding of Mrs. Wilson's sister, Miss Swan, in Toronto on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Stiver spent the holiday in Toronto with their daughter, Mrs. Ciglen.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and family spent Christmas with relatives in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Draper of Shelburne were in town for the holiday.

The annual school meeting was held in the continuation school on Thursday evening, with a rather small attendance. The usual business was dispensed with, and Mrs. Stokes gave a very fine report of the O. E. A. convention, to which she was a delegate last year. Mrs. Stewart Thompson was the new delegate put in and Jas. Slorach the new trustee.

Chas. Morton was called last week and is in Toronto at Exhibition camp but was home for Christmas dinner.

Jack Pearson, who is in the R.C.A.F. in Toronto, was home for the holiday.

Prescott Pearson, from Saskatchewan, and a friend from Vancouver, both in training in the R.C.A.F. at Ottawa, spent the holiday with his grandmother, Mrs. A. Pearson.

Guy Williamson and Reg. Wilkie, who have been home on 14-day leave, returned on Monday to camp in Toronto.

Mr. N. J. Hammet of Glen Avon, Sask., is here on a visit to his brother, Mr. Geo. Hammet.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wagg and family of Picton were in town for Christmas holidays at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. E. Wagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kurtz, Gail and Tommie, visited relatives at Sudbury during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Ashforth and family, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Cook and family, of Orillia, Misses Effie, Marian and Muriel Ross, of Toronto, Frank of Thornton, and Harold, of Hamilton, and Donald and Forrest of Markham spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. H. Ross.

Miss Gladys Earle, who teaches near Warton, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Reesor and Margaret, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. A. Arnold and Clarkson and Mr. and Mrs. Almer Crowle of Zephyr spent Christmas with

their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burnham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Couper, James and Beverley, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Couper at Maple.

## HOLT WALKER McFARLAND IS AGAIN SCHOOL TRUSTEE

The Holt scribe joins in wishing The Era and all its readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

About 23 ratepayers attended the school meeting on Friday evening, Dec. 27. Walker McFarland was again re-elected as trustee for another term.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hopkins on the birth of a son on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Mrs. Marvin Rutledge had the misfortune to fall on some ice and break her arm. She also suffered a bad cut in the forehead. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Rev. and Mrs. N. F. Perry spent the holidays with their son, Clifford, near Kingston.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell and Grace are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce of Kitchener.

Mrs. Wilbert Morton of Oakwood is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hogg.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Slingerland spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Clifford Henrick, of Toronto.

Mrs. Jas. Ash was called to Baldwin last week owing to the illness of her mother.

Mr. Kenneth King and a friend from Scarborough spent Christmas at Mr. King's home here.

Mr. Harold Cunningham and Miss Marion Gibney of Toronto are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Janson spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Morris of Toronto.

Mr. Marvin Rutledge and family had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Rutledge, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hoover had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Marles.

Mr. Geo. Goodwin continues to be seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wagg and family of Uxbridge spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibney.

Miss Melissa Cunningham of Toronto is spending the holidays with relatives here.

## QUEENSVILLE DIES OF HEART ATTACK CAUSED BY GAS FUMES

A death and numerous cases of illness lessened the Christmas festivities in this community. However, it is the wish of this correspondent that everyone will have a bright and happy New Year.

The community was shocked to learn of the death of John Linstead, who died early Christmas morning from a heart attack following gas fumes. Mrs. Linstead and son, Gerald, have both recovered from the effects of the gas fumes.

The community extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Lin-

stead and Gerald and other relatives. The funeral was held on Saturday and was largely attended.

The Queensville United church choir presented the Christmas cantata, "His Birthday," at the Christmas service on Sunday morning, and it was enjoyed by all. In the afternoon the choir repeated the service in song at Hope. This Sunday night "His Birthday" is to be given at Sharon.

Many family gatherings or reunions were held here over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill and family of Sutton, Mr. Ross A. MacKenzie and Mr. Harry Tombs of Toronto spent the Christmas day at the MacKenzie home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pearson and daughter of Queensville, Mr. and Mrs. P. Milne and family of Uxbridge, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke and family of Milliken, spent the day with Mrs. Albert Milne here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stickwood and son of Madoc and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Glover and daughter of Ravenshoe and the Stickwood family were all home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cowieson of Toronto spent last Wednesday with the Putnams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Semple of Tottenham spent Christmas with the Hulse family.

Mr. Ted Donnell, Patty, Rae and Buddy of Espanola are spending a couple of weeks visiting at the Kavanagh home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kavanagh and daughter of Toronto spent Christmas at the Kavanagh home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Pegg and family spent Christmas in Beeton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Alexander and daughters spent Christmas in Toronto.

The Peregrine family spent Christmas in Markdale.

Miss Mary Marsh is spending this week visiting the Aylwards.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Watts, Miss Dorothy Shannon and Mr. Dan Shannon spent Christmas at the manse here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Fierheller and family of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole and family and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cole and family spent Christmas at their home here with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cole.

Mrs. Cole was quite ill last week but is somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dew and family of Queensville, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Pritchard and family of Newmarket spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Dew and Mr. Eugene Flanagan.

## 7TH CON. N. G. FIRST IT'S MUMPS, THEN IT'S INFLUENZA

Friends are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Wm. Moulds and wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Moulds, who fell recently and broke her arm, is doing quite well.

The Christmas concert at Mount Pleasant was well attended and proved a really enjoyable evening. Each pupil did his or her part well. Much credit is due the teacher, Miss Johnstone, and pupils.

Old Santa appeared in due course and distributed gifts, candy and oranges to each child.

Miss Audrey Hamilton and little sister, Louise, are confined to their home with mumps.

Miss Marie Young, Sutton West, was an overnight guest of Miss Jean Brown and attended the concert at Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hopkins spent Saturday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Hopkins recently spent a day in Toronto. Flu is making its appearance in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hopkins had Christmas with Mrs. Hopkins' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, Sr.

Miss Marion Cryderman and Joan Horner, Aurora, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Cryderman.

Gdsm. Wm. H. Brown, Monteth, is spending New Year's with his family.

Robert Brown has received an appointment and expects to enter the R.C.A.F. training school at Gall the first of March.

Mr. Fred Norton of Toronto spent Christmas at his home.

Quite a number from here enjoyed the Santa Claus parade in Sutton, Miss Audrey Brown being fortunate enough to draw a lucky ticket.

Spr. Clifford Brooks of Camp Borden is spending New Year's with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ley spent Friday in Newmarket.

## MAPLE HILL, RECEIVES LEG INJURY IN BUSH ACCIDENT

The pastor gave a nice message last Sunday from Luke 2: 34, Simeon blessing the baby Jesus. The superintendent, Harry Knights, was greatly missed.

Mr. Knights was unable to come, owing to an accident he had in the bush, injuring his leg. He will not be able to stand on his leg for 10 days at least. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Mr. McAsh left Sunday evening for London to spend Christmas and New Year's with his parents. He is getting a supply

## ROCHE'S POINT. LOVED LADY, 30 YEARS RESIDENT, DIES IN CITY

S.S. No. 6 school Christmas tree and concert on the 19th was a great success. The teachers deserve great credit for the lovely concert they had arranged and the children all took part so well. Santa Claus and the tree were lovely for the little ones.

On the 20th the Sunday-school held the annual children's tea and Christmas tree. The children, after a lovely tea, played games, had a sing-song and then the tree. They had really lovely presents. The pins were presented by the teachers, Miss Boyd and Miss Young, for good attendance and a lovely evening came to a close.

Pte. Reg. Lister has been home for Christmas from Nova Scotia, his first holiday in six months.

Pte. Eric Thompson was home over the holiday from Gravenhurst. Mr. and Mrs. Genge of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Walineck, Charles and Marina, spent Christmas day in Toronto with Mrs. Walineck's brother, Mr. Hamilton McGeachie.

Misses Frances and Margaret Baines were home for Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Bunn was in Toronto on Saturday.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. A. W. Walineck, in the loss of her mother, Mrs. McGeachie, who passed away while visiting in Toronto.

She has been a resident here for many years coming here when she first came from Scotland 30 years ago. For the past ten years she has made her home altogether with Mr. and Mrs. Walineck.

She will be much missed by everyone. Her kindly manner endeared her to all and she was to all, and especially the children, "Grannie."

A short service at the house for relatives only, followed by a service in Roche's Point Anglican church, was conducted by Rev. A. J. Forte, assisted by the Rev. Gordon Lapp of Keswick United church, of which Mrs. McGeachie was a member. Interment at Queensville.

Relatives were here from Toronto and Chicago, Ill. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Mrs. MacDonald of Chicago and Mrs. Hurley of Rockford, Ill., cousins who attended the funeral, spent the following week with Mrs. Walineck, spending Christmas in Toronto and returning to the U. S. A. for New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rae entertained their family from Toronto for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Day of Weston and Mrs. Sherman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawton were in Muskoka at Mrs. Lawton's mother's for Christmas.

Miss Elsie Badland was home for Christmas.

The Misses Young spent Christmas with their brother in Toronto. The rain and snow have spoiled skating and skiing. It has been very poor weather for the holiday days who expected to enjoy the outdoor sports.

Miss Eleanor Doyle was home for Christmas day from St. Michael's hospital, where she is in training. It is learned with regret that Mrs. Stewart is in such poor health and it is hoped that she will be better soon.

Mr. George Langridge is in Toronto.

The election of officers for the coming year for the Red Cross resulted as follows: hon. pres. Miss E. McKinnon; president, Mrs. A. W. Walineck; vice-pres., Mrs. Eric Thompson; sec.-treas., Miss M. C. Young; sewing convenor, Mrs. C. Boyd; knitting convenor, Mrs. C. Diamond; packing committee, Mrs. M. J. Badland and Mrs. A. Badland.

Next meeting will be held on Jan. 9.

Sharon

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. Dixon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fife.

Miss Kathleen Jones spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Pte. and Mrs. Knowles spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones.

Mr. Fred McLeod spent the holiday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson and Jimmie of Newmarket and Miss Gertrude Grosse of Toronto spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grosse.

Mrs. Eugene Kiteley, Gwen and Don, spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. R. Newton.

Miss Ethel M. Shaw of Grand Rapids, Mich., is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. Shaw of Hamilton, Mr. James Shaw of Madison, Wis., also spent Christmas with Mrs. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Tate and Miss Joyce spent Christmas week in Whitby with Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

Christmas visitors at Mr. Albert Hillaby's were Mr. and Mrs. Bonner and family of Toronto, Mrs. Williamson of Newmarket, and a cousin of Mrs. Hillaby's from Camp Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ramsay and family spent Christmas at Downs-

view with Mr. and Mrs. Bagg.

Miss Alice Ramsay is spending a few days at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou. Knowles and children and Mr. Herb. Kershaw spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Kershaw.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Black and Jimmie of Ottawa and Miss Parker and Mr. Jack Parker of Toronto were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Caster are spending a few days in Hamilton with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Fountain entertained their family on Christmas day.

Miss Blanche Hall of Mount Albert spent Christmas day at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Collins spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Evans.

EVERSLEY  
CALLED TO CITY TO  
GIVE BLOOD TO PILOT

J. W. Scott Ferguson, son of the late Rev. J. Albert Ferguson, of Richmond Hill, is an aviator instructor at Malton airport.

On Saturday, Dec. 21, when the collision of two practising aeroplanes brought tragedy and death to two fliers, C. R. Dickie and R. T. Jewitt, Instructor Ferguson was an eye-witness of the accident, and was the only one present with a permit to drive the truck which hurried the two wounded men to a Toronto hospital. C. R. Dickie died on the journey and R. T. Jewitt was taken to St. Michael's hospital.

Instructor Ferguson expected to have Sunday off, and was due at his mother's home at Richmond Hill for dinner, but duties at Malton airport detained him. Driving to Toronto, he and his wife drove to Richmond Hill, and before he had eaten, a phone call hurried him to St. Michael's hospital to give a blood transfusion to Mr. Jewitt, after which he returned for his belated dinner of goose and all the trimmings.

R. T. Jewitt, who had suffered a fractured skull and other serious injuries, died that night (Sunday).

Instructor Ferguson's blood had been tested for Red Cross supplies. It is of A.A.A. (triple A) quality and was the only supply of that test available. He gave 100 C.C.—half pint—of his life blood for his comrade, but in vain.

RAVENSHOE  
READ CANDLE SERVICE  
IN INDIVIDUAL HOMES

Rev. Gordon Lapp, United church pastor, sent each family in the community a copy of a Christmas candle service to be read in the home on Christmas eve.

There was a nice attendance at the school concert on Thursday afternoon. Miss Holly and pupils are to be congratulated on the excellent program.

Mr. Geo. Micks, Sharon, spent a few days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Carl Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Leslie and Mrs. A. Sedore, Elmhurst Beach, and Mr. David Greenwood, Kinsella, Alta., called at the Smith home on Thursday.

Mrs. Lorne Mahoney returned home last Friday from the hospital. Her many friends join in wishing her a speedy recovery of her usual health.

Mr. John Mahoney and Mr. Thos. Smith have been confined to the house for the past week with nasty colds.

Many friends are sorry to hear of Mrs. W. Crowder's continued disability.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cowieson, Queensville, and Mr. John Cowieson, Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. John Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wrightman, Newmarket, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Max Glover.

Mrs. Richard Young, Newmarket, is visiting at Mr. P. Pollock's home.

Mr. Joe Pollock, Toronto, spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Georgas and baby, John, of Newmarket, spent Christmas at Mr. Thos. Smith's.

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Among the guests on Christmas day at Mr. and Mrs. S. Boyd's were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Boyd and Louise, from Orillia, Mrs. Esther Boyd, Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bowers and Jean Boyd, Brooklyn, U.S.A.

Mrs. Albert Smith of Toronto had tea on Christmas day with her daughter, Mrs. S. Pegg.

Mr. Jack Smith is spending Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. Pegg.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Morton, Oakwood, visited Mr. and Mrs. S. Stickwood on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dike, Mr. and Mrs. L. Ganton, Donny and baby, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry West, Bogartown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Tansley and family, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Auley Brennar and family and Mrs. M. Tansley were Christmas guests at the Tansley home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibson and Vern spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fairbairn, Sharon, and Mrs. Don, Stickwood, Newmarket, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. O. Stickwood.

Mrs. Cecil Lepard and children, of Burford, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pegg, Donny, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pegg, Donny.

A Happy New Year to all.

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Mrs. Cecil Lepard and children spent Christmas with Mrs. A. Trivett, Newmarket.

Miss Phillis Pegg, Keswick, spent Christmas with Mrs. J. Davis.

Among the Christmas guests at Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Broderick's were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broderick, Mr. Geo. Broderick, Sr., Mount Albert, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor, Downsview.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Streetsville, Mr. Grasette and Elliot, Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams on Thursday.

The Queensville choir presented their Christmas cantata, "His Birthday," at Hope United church on Christmas Sunday. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Church services will be held as usual next Sunday, Sunday-school at 2 p.m., church service at 3 p.m. Everyone will be welcome at both services.

## Pine Orchard

Pte. E. Schaffer of the Newmarket training camp and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins of Newmarket spent Christmas day with Pte. Ross Armitage and Mrs. Armitage.

Mrs. Albert Lloyd of Newmarket spent Christmas day with

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wood.

Pte. Ross Armitage of Newmarket military camp spent the Christmas holidays at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Palmateer and John spent Christmas in Newmarket with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith.

Pte. Ross Armitage and Mrs. Armitage were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Adair of Aurora on Thursday.

## Queensville

On Saturday night a party was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Greig in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Angus Smith, who was married Dec. 21. The euchre club, of which Mrs. Smith is a member, presented her with a beautiful walnut table, and a very lovely miscellaneous shower was also given her.

All enjoyed an evening of fun, after which a very delicious lunch was served by the ladies.

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